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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Big Fear

The Berlin foreign ministers' conference is, alas, following the path which many feared, was inevitable. The glimmer of hope that some sort of workable agreement on the vexed and complicated subject of German unification could be reached, engendered by the quick smoothing-out of procedural difficulties at the early sessions, has been all but extinguished. Neither Russia nor the Big Three appear to be able to find any common ground when it comes to the future of Germany. Both sides are standing firm by their basic formulae—in the case of the Western Powers, that free German elections must precede the establishment of an all-German Government; and for the Russians, that the present West and East German Governments should nominate their representatives for the purpose of creating a provisional overall authority empowered to organize and conduct elections. On this issue there appears to be no prospect of compromise. And while it is true that both sides insist they are standing out for the maintenance of an inviolable principle, it is noticeable that both also seem to be actuated in their adamancy by fear.

It is not without instruction, for example, to note that according to a British spokesman, Mr. Molotov rejected Mr. Eden's unification plan because, among other things it "neglected the important question of what results the election might lead to." Patently this means that Mr. Molotov fears that if the German people as a whole were allowed to indulge in free elections, the outcome would mean the annihilation of the Soviet-controlled authorities in the Soviet Zone. On the other hand, Mr. Foster Dulles' interpretation of Mr. Molotov's unification plan is that it "would mean the exposure of West Germany and the whole of West Europe to the vast forces that lay to the East." This is the type of mutual fear which provides the backdrop for the Berlin talks so far as they have progressed at the moment. The conference is not to be written off at this stage as a dead loss, but the dread remains that failure to compose differing viewpoints now may mean the end of diplomatic negotiations on world problems.

Lift Trading Ban Movement

By Businessmen PRESSURE TO BE PUT ON BRITISH GOVT

Mr Leslie Gamage On The Future Of Hongkong

With Britain facing increasing competition in the world's exports markets this year, manufacturers were likely to put greater pressure on the Government to allow wider trade with new markets such as China and Russia, the Vice Chairman and Joint Managing Director of the British General Electric Company, Limited, Mr Leslie Gamage said yesterday.

"We are doing what we can to persuade our Government to lift the ban on exports to China. More and more businessmen will go out on their own to do business with China but they will keep within the law."

"I should imagine however the definition of the term 'strategic goods' will change quite a lot in the days to come. It will be a gradual change and there may be some change this year and a little the next unless, of course, a genuinely peaceful agreement is made between ourselves and Russia and the Communist countries."



MR LESLIE GAMAGE

US Has No Objection

Washington, Feb. 5. The United States has no objection to an increase in trade of a non-strategic character between Western Europe and the Soviet bloc, Foreign Operations Administrator Harold Stassen, told pressmen today. He was referring to the Soviet Union's recent trade offer to Britain.

Mr Stassen added that he was confident that the British Government would maintain its policy of banning the export to the Soviet bloc of strategic goods.—France-Press.

Mr Gamage, who is regarded as one of Britain's leading authorities on exports, has been on a twelve days' visit to Hongkong to meet his company's representatives and to see the Colony.

He has served for periods of from eight to 25 years on three British organisations concerned with exports, including the Council of Industrial Design and the Federated British Industries Council and the Institute of Export, an organisation devoted to training men for export business. He has been President of the Institute for 12 years.

On the eve of his departure for Singapore Mr Gamage said this of Hongkong in a special interview with The China Mail: "I have become very fond of the people here and I am amazed at the enormous activity prevailing in what is a relatively small piece of territory. On trade with China, Mr Gamage said: "We are doing what we can to persuade our Government to lift the ban on exports to China. When I left England there was not much hope of any lightening of the restrictions. On the other hand a number of people are doing business with China direct and I imagine that will become more and more the way. The Government is not objecting but is not officially assisting."

COLONY'S ROLE

Asked whether he thought that direct trade with China bypassing the Colony might prejudice Hongkong's entrepot trade, Mr Gamage said: "Hongkong will continue to play its part in any trade between China and the West. There will be direct business with China as in days gone by. Hongkong occupies such a position here that a large amount of trade is bound to come through the Colony once the frontiers are open, otherwise I don't think I should be here. But it is important to break down these so-called curtains between China and the West because we cannot go on living like that."

"I gather that China has got quite a considerable amount of

sterling so she must be exporting some commodities to the sterling area. I think in the event of the resumption of normal trade China would do her best to promote production of those commodities which are acceptable to the sterling area."

Mr Gamage said there was no suggestion that the delegation of British businessmen at present visiting Moscow seeking new avenues of trade with Russia had extended their inquiries to the possibility of trade with China.

Questioned about business conditions in Britain, he said: "I regard 1954 as a crucial and a testing year for the United Kingdom in so far as labour is concerned. Wages have been increased every year in Britain and it is important now that British labour leaders understand the prospects before us and why we must call a halt to these annual increases if we are going to remain competitive. The great trouble is to get labour to realise this."

"STIFLING ENTERPRISE" There is another question: taxation. It is stifling enterprise and, in the case of company's like mine, is withholding the financial resources to modernise plant. Taxation in England today takes more than two-thirds of the income of any company."

British businessmen did not expect the American "recession" to be very serious, Mr Gamage said. Conditions appeared more controlled now in America than they were in the last serious slump. Wall Street did not have the "nervous atmosphere" which made the last slump such a terrible catastrophe, he added.

Mr Gamage and his wife, the Hon. Mrs Gamage will stay in Singapore for three weeks before returning to Britain.

Pope's Condition

Vatican City, Feb. 5. His Holiness the Pope's condition is showing a slight tendency to improvement, it was reported here tonight. In the afternoon he was able to receive a visit from his nephews and later his physician attended him.—France-Press.

"Seize This Chance"

London, Feb. 6. Britain should turn her energies to building up a thriving trade with China, states the Daily Express in a lead article published today under the heading: "Seize This Chance of China Trade."

After describing the Russian offer to buy £400 million worth of British goods as a fine development and splendid opportunity, the leader draws the reader's attention to the possibilities of trade with China.

"Think of the market that exists for products of all kinds from the factories of Britain," the leader goes on. "In former days Japan flooded China with her goods. Now she is in no position to seize the chance on her doorstep... but how long will Japan remain in this situation? Already she has reeling combines."

Asserting that as Japan marches forward, Britain's opportunity in China will recede, the leader concludes that Britain "should grasp this opportunity now. This is the hour when the China trade can be captured by Britain—even held against cheap labour and wretched conditions in Japan in the days to come. As Japan advances on the colonial markets let Britain look to the market Japan once claimed as her own."—Our own correspondent.



Fourteen thousand miles of roads in Britain were affected recently by a vast freeze-up, covering 39 counties. Picture shows snow being cleared in Haslemere. In the background is the Surrey Children's Nursery.

Fire In Newspaper Office

New York, Feb. 5. Fire broke out in the New York Daily News skyscraper building in Manhattan today and thousands watched from the street as firemen rescued by aerial ladder persons trapped in the smoke and flames.

Thousands more saw the fire on their television sets at home as cameramen from the News' TV station, WPIX, pointed their cameras out of the building and shot scenes of firemen working in the billowing smoke.

The fire was in the press room, housed in an 11th-floor annex, but smoke spread through the lower floors of the 37-story building, forcing between 1,000 and 1,500 office workers to evacuate the first nine floors.

Four persons suffered smoke poisoning.

The fire started in a ventilation duct being cleaned in the two-storey press room. Firemen tried to control it but the flames spread quickly fed by waste paper on the floor.

Sizzling grease in the press room poured out acrid smoke and that forced firemen to use gas masks while cutting through the steel duct with torches. Most of the damage was done by smoke and water.—United Press.

British Ship Is Abandoned

Manila, Feb. 5.

The 9,000 gross tons British motorship, Fernmoor, which grounded on London Shoal, off Palawan Island, in South-eastern Philippines, was abandoned today at 5.19 p.m. GMT, Globe Wireless reported.

All officers and crew of the stricken vessel were transferred to the 1,268-ton Panamanian steamer, Liberal. Globe Wireless said the Fernmoor was still afloat.

Earlier the Fernmoor's crew had abandoned ship, but the majority of them returned after spending eight hours on four open lifeboats. Some went aboard the Liberal, one of three vessels standing by the Fernmoor.

Pilots of the United States Coast Guard's air-sea rescue squadron, who brought these reports to Manila, claimed the British vessel was "breached" at the bow. They quoted the shipboard crew as saying that "after the bulkhead goes we will sink like a stone."

But the United States Coast Guard said it thought Fernmoor was apparently in no immediate danger of sinking.

She was reported sitting low in the water with a fair swell running and an eight-knot wind prevailing.

STRIKES REEF

Fernmoor this morning struck the treacherous London Reef located between Palawan and North Borneo on the regular searoute between Malaya and North Indonesia.

The Coast Guard said the British 10,000-ton Tomogorus

stood six miles off Fernmoor, the Japanese 7,000-ton Eisho Maru four miles off and the Panamanian ship Liberal only one mile away.

The Coast Guard said its air-sea rescue craft and a United States Air Force plane circled overhead until midnight to render help in case of emergency.

Four salvage tugs of the Luzon Salvaging Company have left Manila and were expected at Fernmoor's side at 1500 hours sat Saturday.—Router.

THE MAN IN THE HANSOM



New Adventures of Sherlock Holmes next week

OUT of the nostalgic past, from a London whose gutt, foggy streets echoed to the leisurely clatter of horses' hooves and hansom cabs there steps next Saturday a loved and familiar figure. A tall, lean man in a deer-stalker cap and brown cape. By his side is his faithful attendant, a doctor whose Paddington patients seldom seem to see him.

The name? Yes, the name is Sherlock Holmes, the greatest and most famous detective in the history of literature.

When Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote the original Sherlock Holmes stories a number of adventures were left untold. They were mentioned by Dr Watson, but not recounted. Now Adrian Conan Doyle, Sir Arthur's son and literary executor, has set out to fill the gaps.

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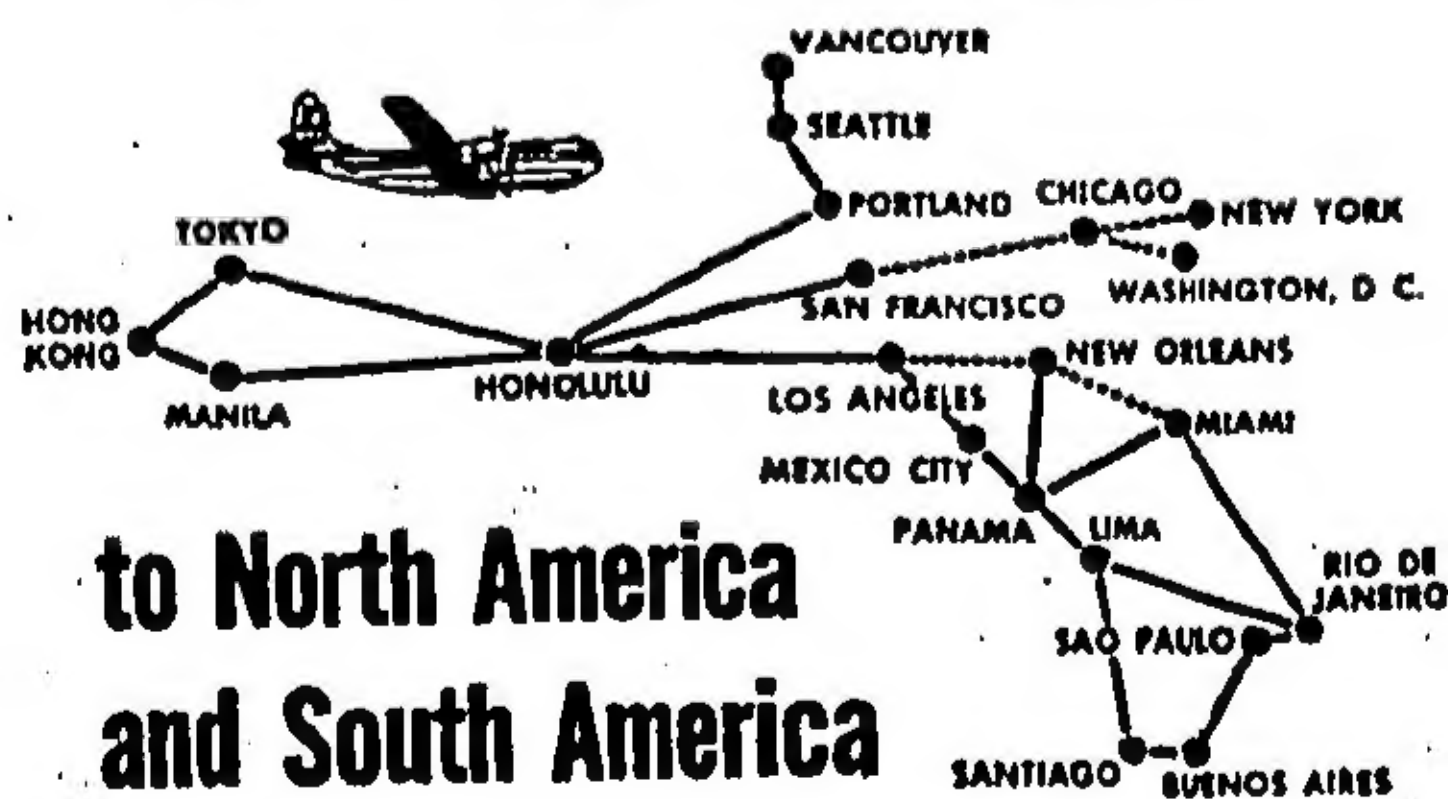
Mr St Laurent Reaches London

London, Feb. 5.

The Canadian Premier, Mr Louis St. Laurent, arrived by air in London tonight, accompanied by his son, Jean Paul, and his daughter, Mrs Hugh O'Donnell.

He was met on arrival by the Minister for Commonwealth Relations who conveyed the greetings of the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill.—France-Press.

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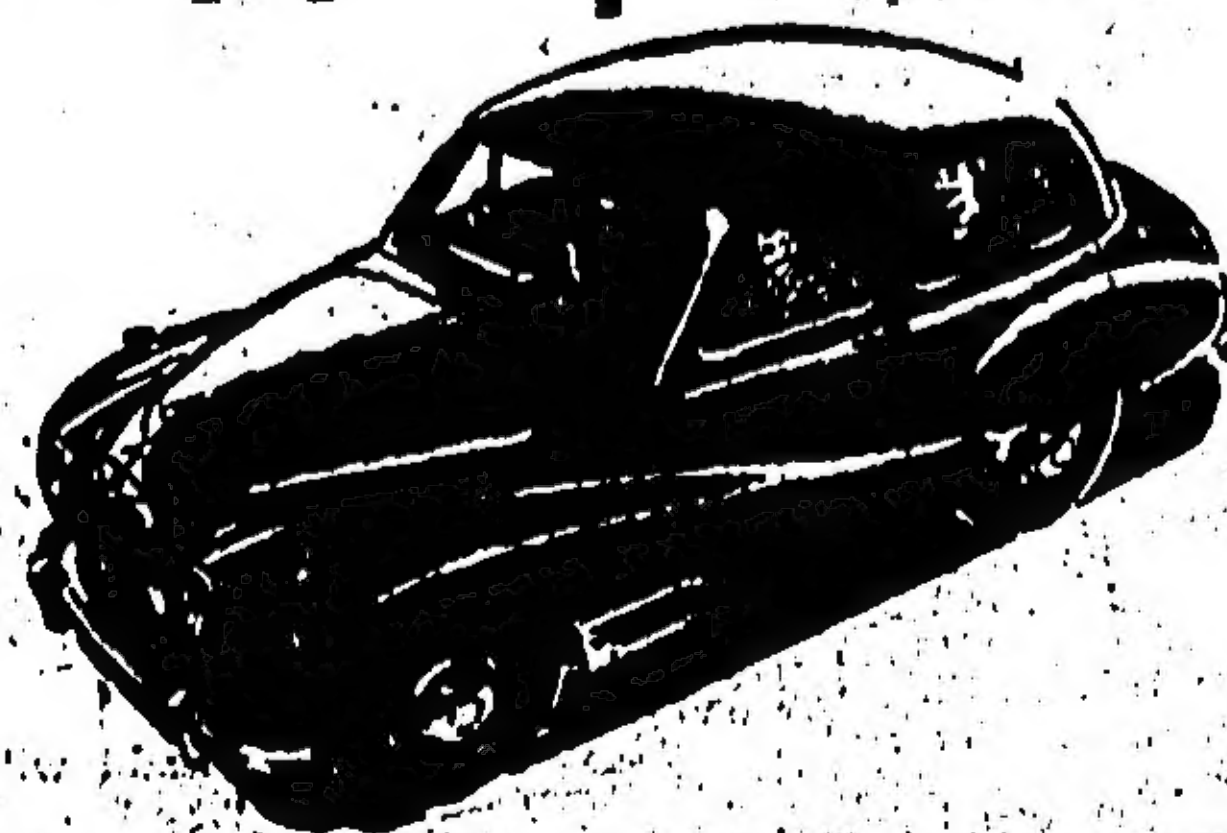
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Good News For The Moose

Toronto. The love life of the moose is all right again. He or she no longer mistakes a train's horns for the mating call.

The Canadian National Railways reported on the time and effort that went into the elimination of the unexpected problem.

From the very first day diesel locomotives were put onto lines spanning northern Ontario, residents claimed the burring moose into thinking he had heard the love call of his mate.

And when a 1,000-pound bull tries to mate with a high-balling diesel in the middle of the tracks, the result is disastrous.

The Board of Transport decided to clear up the situation for the moose and at the same time please those sentimental persons who missed the plaintive wail of a steam whistle on a frosty night.

The Board issued "Manifesto 763" which indicated its position on the vanishing steam whistle.

"It is decreed," the order said, "that all diesel trains in Canada shall have horns having tonal qualities simulating the sound of a conventional steam locomotive whistle. It must be in three tones to produce a harmonious sound and these sounds should be grouped to be omnidirectional."

The railways complied with the order and the Board approved seven types of whistles for the diesels.

The CNR now has 400 diesels equipped with "approved" whistles.

The Board offers this authoritative description of the sound: "It is not less than 105 decibels in the periphery of a circle 100 feet in radius."

But Donald Gordon, CNR President, was hard to convince that the bull moose no longer is tricked by the horns.

"A horn is a horn," he said.—United Press.

They Weren't Playing

Chicago. A taxpayer bundled up his year's bills—receipts for telephone bills, union dues, miscellaneous charges—and sent them to the Internal Revenue Office here in a package so big it took 87 cents postage.

A note enclosed suggested that with all the records there, the tax collectors just make out the sender's tax return and mail it back to him so he could pay it.

Ernest J. Sauber, Director of Internal Revenue here, said it was mailed back (under government mark) with a little note saying the sender might well make out the return himself and not to forget the March 15 deadline.—United Press.

Took Leaf Out Of David's Book

Lisbon. Antonio Cortesano, a 14-year old shepherd boy of the Alentejo plains, made practical use of his Sunday School lessons when a big wolf attacked his flock.

Remembering David's victory over Goliath, the Portuguese boy stoned the wolf with a well aimed rock, neighbouring farmers said, and finished the animal off with his shepherd staff.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



Interesting News Stories From All Parts Of The World

MORE CANADIANS ARE ENJOYING HOME COMFORTS

Ottawa.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics decided the time had come to talk of many things; of bathtubs and showers, and washing machines and vacuum cleaners.

The Bureau surveyed the Canadian nation and found that in the 27 months since the 1951 census was taken, households in September last year showed a remarkable improvement in the niceties of domestic life.

In fact, the Bureau reported, the number of household units had risen by 232,000 in that 27-month period, to a new peak of 3,641,000. Over 73 percent of the increase in the number of Canadian dwellings was in single detached houses, and over two thirds of them were owned by the occupants.

In the sober, statistical analysis made by the Bureau, it stated: "Substantial advances in comfort-making and labour-saving household conveniences and facilities are indicated."

For instance, over 91 per cent of the total number of households were served with electricity. Ontario led the gain since 1951, with Quebec, Alberta, Manitoba and New Brunswick next in line.

While 1,583,000 households in June, 1951, were served with steam, hot water or hot air furnaces, the number in September last year had risen to 1,849,000. All provinces shared in the gain, the Bureau said, but from Quebec province East it was still a case of more households being heated by stoves than by furnaces.

Nearly one third of the nation's households were served with hot and cold water, and the number of families that had exclusive use of their own baths or showers rose from 1,938,000 to 2,244,000. But there were still 1,285,000 households that had neither bath nor shower facilities.

ELECTRIC COOKING

The number of kitchens in Canadian homes equipped with electric ranges rose about 29 per cent since the nation-wide census was held, the Bureau said. The largest gain in the use of electric ranges was made in Ontario, with Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia next in line.

Gas ranges in use rose from 724,000 to 835,000, and the use of oil stoves ran to 190,000 last September, compared with 179,000 recorded in the census. The old-fashioned wood or coal cook stove was on the way out; the number declined from 1,485,000 to 1,315,000.

And in cold storage facilities, it was a sharp increase in mechanical refrigerators, and a distinct drop in ice boxes. The number of households served by mechanical refrigerators rose from 1,895,000 to 2,415,000, while the number with an ice box dropped from 621,000 to 339,000.

The Bureau, which prides itself on presenting the facts about various facets of Canadian life without assessing the significance, said nothing about whether the new survey indicated a boost in living standards brought about free democratic enterprises. It merely reported these additional facts about life in Canada:

WASHING MACHINES

The number of households without washing machines in September last year numbered 2,985,000, up 513,000 from the time of the census leaving only 658,000 without this convenience for the housewife.

Or take vacuum cleaners. The number of households with them rose 334,000 to a new peak of 1,748,000 and sewing machines had them last September, one third of all Canada, although the Bureau didn't count them in the 1951 census.

There were 2,434,000 households last September with telephones, which was 406,000 more than at the time of the census. To all intents, nearly every household unit—3,511,000 out of 3,641,000—had one or more radios, and of course, the number of families with television sets is mushrooming. Last September there were 373,000 TV-equipped households, but that number is far outdistanced by the boost in sales during the last four months.

Nearly half of every family unit in Canada has a car. The Bureau reported there were 1,892,000 households with cars in September last year, a jump of 456,000 in the 27-month period.—United Press.

A PARDONABLE ERROR

Vienna. The United States Army received a letter addressed to "Mr. R.G. Coffey, United States Army," thanking him for the Christmas food package he sent to an Austrian family. Army officials noted that all Christmas food was distributed in quick-marcher socks stamped with the word "Coffey" and the name of the soldier who sent it. The package was sent by a soldier named R.G. Coffey, who was in the 12th year of his service.—United Press.

Exhilarating Experience

Kitchener, Ontario.

A packing house worker won \$5 but he had to trot a snowy quarter of a mile in bare feet to do it.

James Ankermann, of Shakespeare, who discussing the cold weather with fellow workers, the talk finally turned to how far a man could run an eighth of a mile.

The sprinter took off his shoes and socks, ran the distance in sub-zero temperatures and enjoyed the feel of the ice underfoot so much he repeated the performance.—United Press.

Character Reading From Fingerprints

Genoa.

An Italian doctor claimed he can assess a man's character accurately from his fingerprints.

Dr. Antonio Canepa, 26, who described himself as a criminologist and a graduate of the Institute of Applied Sciences in Chicago, told the press he has been able to tell the fingerprints of murderers from those of criminals and honest men.

The young doctor said he tested his theory recently on fingerprints of a number of persons, including inmates and former inmates and prison guards. He said he was able to tell the fingerprints of four men executed for murder in the United States from those of prisoners and both from those of prison guards or other innocent persons.

Canepa said he returned his findings to the American Institute of Criminology, which found them correct. He said a similar experiment with fingerprints of inmates of the Italian criminal asylum of Volterra was likewise successful.—United Press.

25,000 Rabbits Stranded

Geneva.

Twenty-five thousand Swiss rabbits were stranded on the Swiss border on an abandoned train from Hungary to France.

Neutral Switzerland refused to permit the breeding hares from Communist Hungary to pass through, even though the Hungarians guaranteed they would be segregated in special freight cars.

Swiss authorities feared the hares are carriers of myxomatosis, a rabbit disease, although Hungary contends the disease does not exist in Hungary.—United Press.

ALMOST LIKE BEING HOME

Washington.

Sven Backlund, Press Attache at the Swedish Embassy, called 3 1/4 miles from his home in Silver Spring, Maryland, to his office at the Embassy. It wasn't like back home, Backlund said, but it was the next best thing.—United Press.

Confidence Man, Aged 12

Moline, Iowa.

Police were on the lookout for a confidence man who took prepaid orders for doughnuts, then failed to deliver. They discovered the confidence man was 12 years old.—United Press.

Some Do's & Don'ts For A Hangover

Ottawa.

You might not have a hangover tomorrow if you do one of three things tonight:

- 1—Stay sober.
- 2—Dose yourself liberally with soda or an alkali salt before hitting the sack.
- 3—Swallow a couple of tablespoons of olive oil before you drink.

Doctors say the best thing you can do for a hangover is nothing. Not, at least, if you've given your feet-up, air-cured, buttery-intended stomach time to return to more or less normal shape.

Stay away from cold drinks—and that includes water. Sure, your throat feels like high noon on the Sahara and your tongue like an electric blanket full on.

But cold water won't help. You might think it'll douse the furnace, wash away the sand, and clean out the birds' nests, it won't.

Take the doctors' word for it—cold water will only shock your convalescing stomach into a relapse. So sluice nothing down there until you begin to feel really hungry.

It's permissible, however, to slouch some water down your mouth—if you don't swallow any. When you know you're going to live, sip slowly about three ounces of warm water. That's about half a cup.

If you like, drink also at this time a mild laxative or alkali-sling salt—just you can understand of the fizz. The results will be well worth the effort.

But remember, this is when you're actually feeling hungry.

THE NEXT STEP

Next step: Relax in peace and quiet for a few minutes. Then a safe and sane pick-me-up. Doctors say that this helps morning-after victims to do two things: (1) Provide food that's easily digested and (2) help the stomach to shift into high and run smoothly again.

That rules out any "cal-of-the-dog" cures. Experts have proven the "prairie oyster"—or variations of it—to be the best of all pick-me-ups.

Basic recipe for the "prairie oyster" includes a raw egg, a drop of tabasco, about a teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Take it in one fast gulp.

Another effective revitalizer is a "dippant hen". It's a raw egg in a short beer.

Can't face those staring eggs? All right, try this (but don't say we didn't warn you):

Put half a teaspoon of sugar in an old-fashioned glass. Soak it with gingerale. Toss in a finger and half of rye and an ice cube. Fill 'er up with champagne. Add two dashes of absinthe.

It's known as the "See Captain's Special". Only one (a) customer. Happy hangover!—United Press.

FIGHTING TO REMAIN IN GAOL

Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Mrs. Francis T. Supina, 51, began her seventh month in jail here and hired a new attorney to fight State efforts to remove her from her cell.

Mrs. Supina, prominent Carlsbad property owner, insists she will remain behind bars "the rest of my life" before paying a \$1,000 contingent fee of court fees levied against her last July 8.

Mrs. Supina said in a gaol cell interview that she now boasts seniority over all her fellow inmates in the county lock up.

"I would have thought the sheriff would have baked a cake for my anniversary," she said.

Mrs. Supina was assessed the \$1,000 fine for consistently violating an injunction against residing property in an exclusive Carlsbad residential district covered by an anti-rental covenant.

"I'm not guilty of anything and I don't owe anyone anything. I'm going to stick it out," Mrs. Supina said.

The State, in the unique "turn about" case, is currently attempting to remove Mrs. Supina from gaol by collecting the contempt fine against her through a lien on her property.—United Press.

Restaurantier's Complaint

Toronto.

Oscar Bercecelier, President of the Canadian Restaurant Association, said too much talk about dieting and losing weight is "propaganda aimed at making ordinary eating a crime against the health of the nation."

Bercecelier urged the Association to put out counter-propaganda to tell Canadians that an undernourished body cannot meet the requirements of modern life.—United Press.

Congress Gets Its Three-D

Washington.

Three-D invaded the halls of Congress to keep its members posted on the weather here and back home.

Two large weather maps with varicolored tracings formally presented to the Senate and House by United States Weather Bureau officials in a brief ceremony in the Speaker's lobby.

George Winthrop, Chief of the Bureau's daily map unit, said they are a vast improvement over the old maps which were 52 years old and very inaccurate.

For one thing, Winthrop said, the three-ply glass construction of the new maps gives a three dimensional effect without the benefit of glasses. The map itself, the weather stations and the actual weather conditions each are separated by layers of glass.

Winthrop said the maps also have been given fresh, bright colors to add a "little verve and sparkle." He added quickly, however, that the color scheme is "sufficiently restrained to harmonize with the new decor of the Capitol."

A "COMPROMISE" The maps are kept up-to-date daily by two weather bureau employees who are experts at drawing the lines, arrows and symbols peculiar to weather forecasting.

Winthrop said the map adopted is a "compromise" halfway between those understood by an expert meteorologist and a well-informed layman.

Asked if Congress can understand the Winthrop replied: "You'd be surprised, but a lot of congressmen are experts in meteorology. In fact, a lot of them can tell better where pressure systems and cold fronts should be than the people who draw the maps."—United Press.

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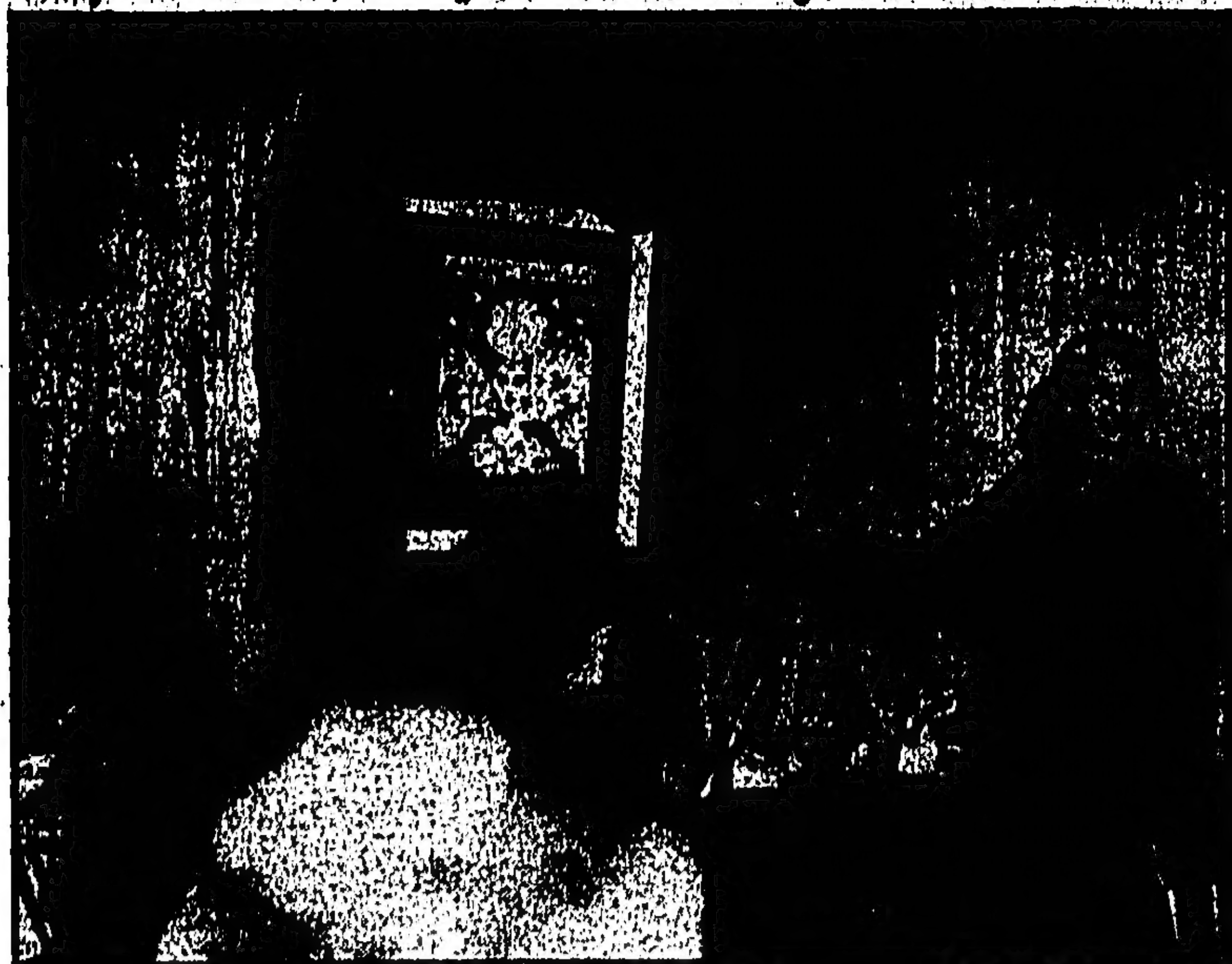
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HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



AT a big theatrical party given in London the other evening by actor-dramatist Emyln Williams, actress Vivien Leigh unveiled a plaque representing the design of the souvenir programme for the Midnight Cavalcade gala to be held at the London Palladium on March 18 in aid of the Actors' Orphanage, the Grand Order of Water Rats and the Jewish National Society Trust. The design is by Cecil Beaton. (Express)



POSTED to Hongkong from London, where she has worked at the American Embassy for 10 years, is Miss Peggy Herrick. She has worked in the Ambassador's office, in charge of his reception arrangements. After two months' vacation, she will come to Hongkong via San Francisco. (Express)



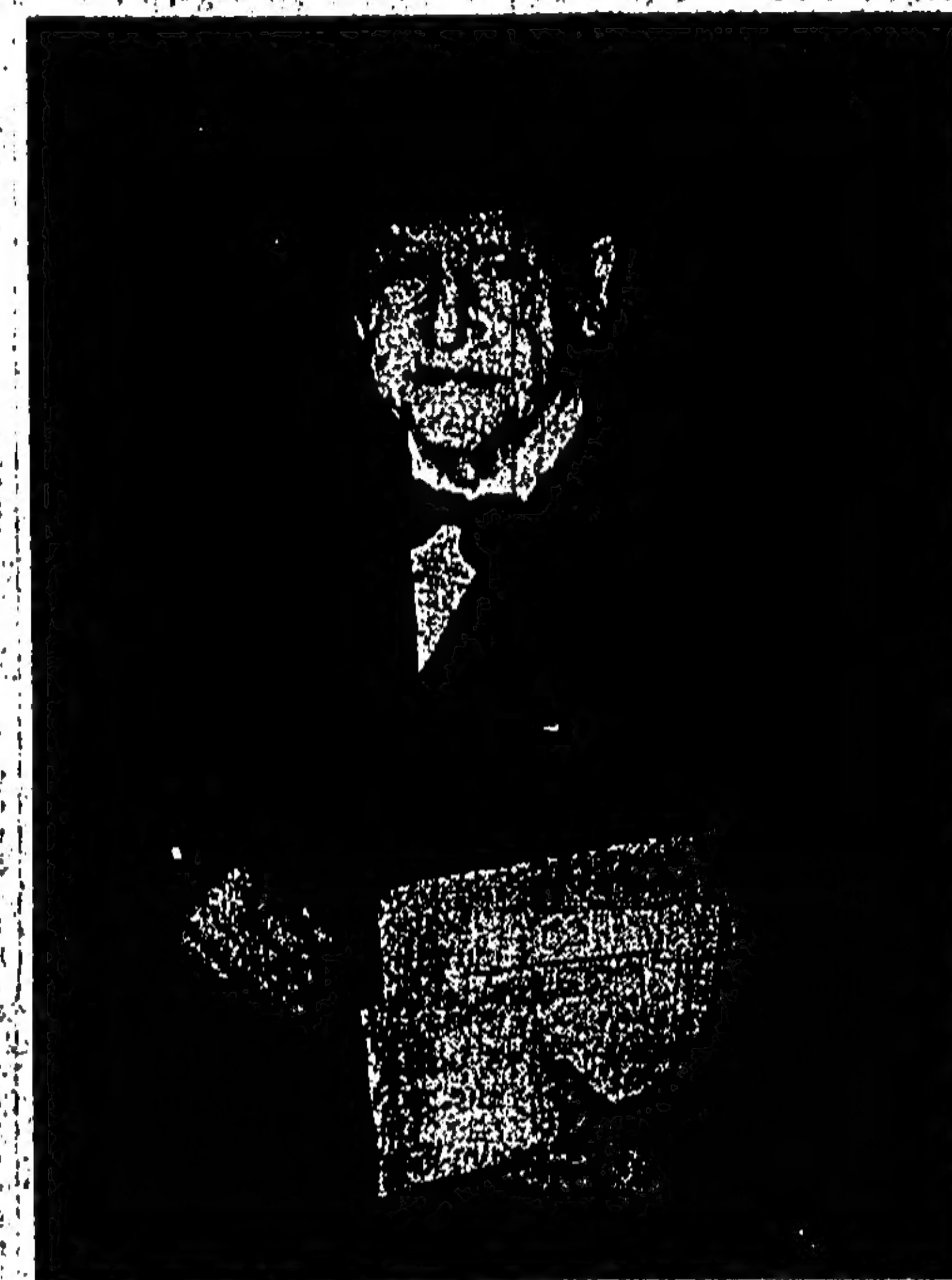
THE former Captain of the Polish ship Batory, Captain Jan Cwiklinski, who fled his ship in Britain to escape arrest by the Communists, waving goodbye to England as he leaves by the Mauretania for the U.S. (Express)



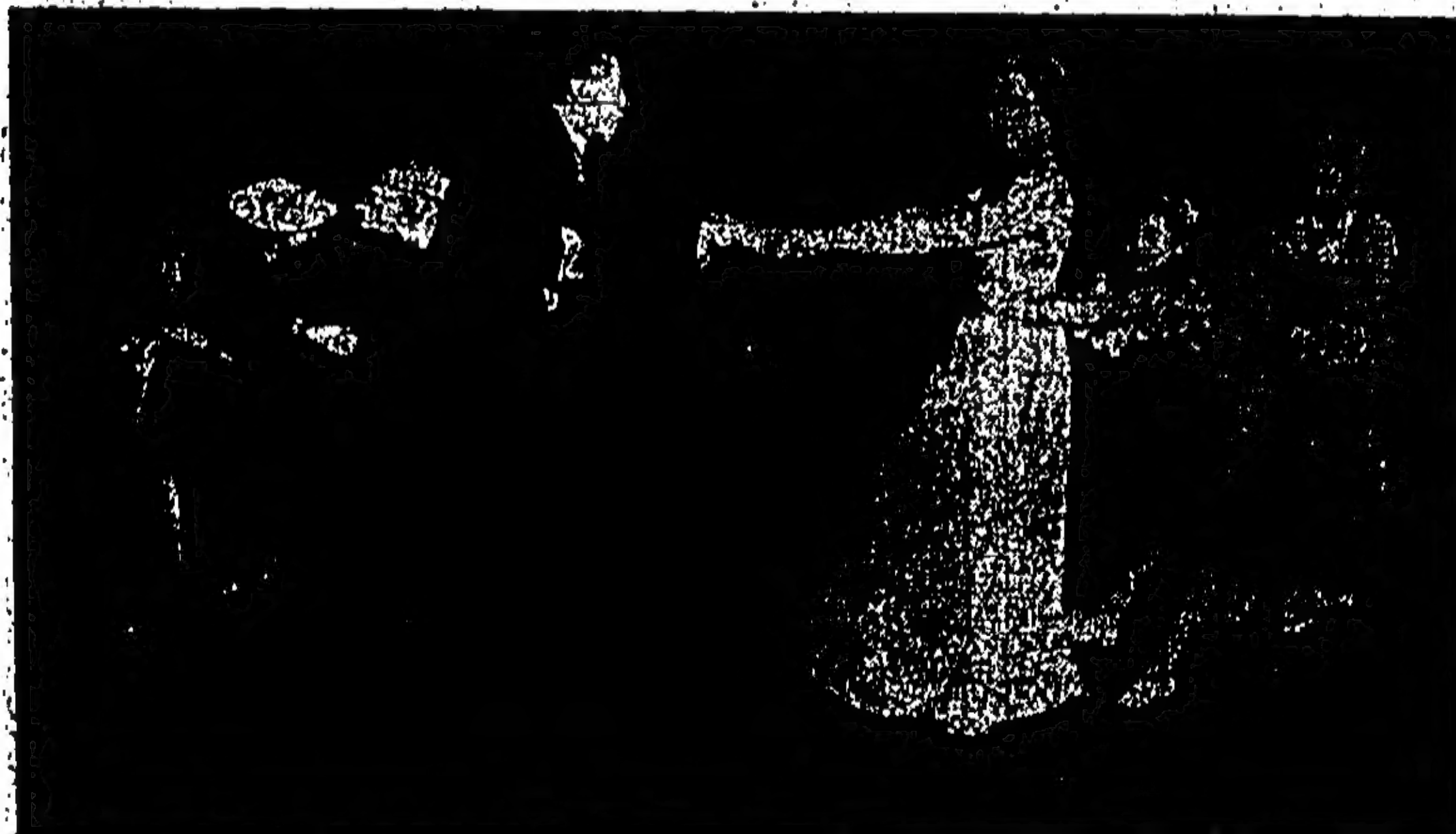
THE three men in dark overcoats are members of a Russian delegation which visited Newmarket recently to buy British thoroughbred stallions. It was the first Russian horse buying mission to visit Britain for 16 years. They are here inspecting the famous stallion Hyperion at Lord Derby's stud. (Express)



BRITISH television star Gilbert Harding having a lunch cooked by competitors in the "Youth in the Kitchen" contest at Manchester. He was there to present the prizes. (Express)



THE famous author, Somerset Maugham, leaving the Garrick Club on his 80th birthday after a dinner given in his honour by 100 members. (Express)



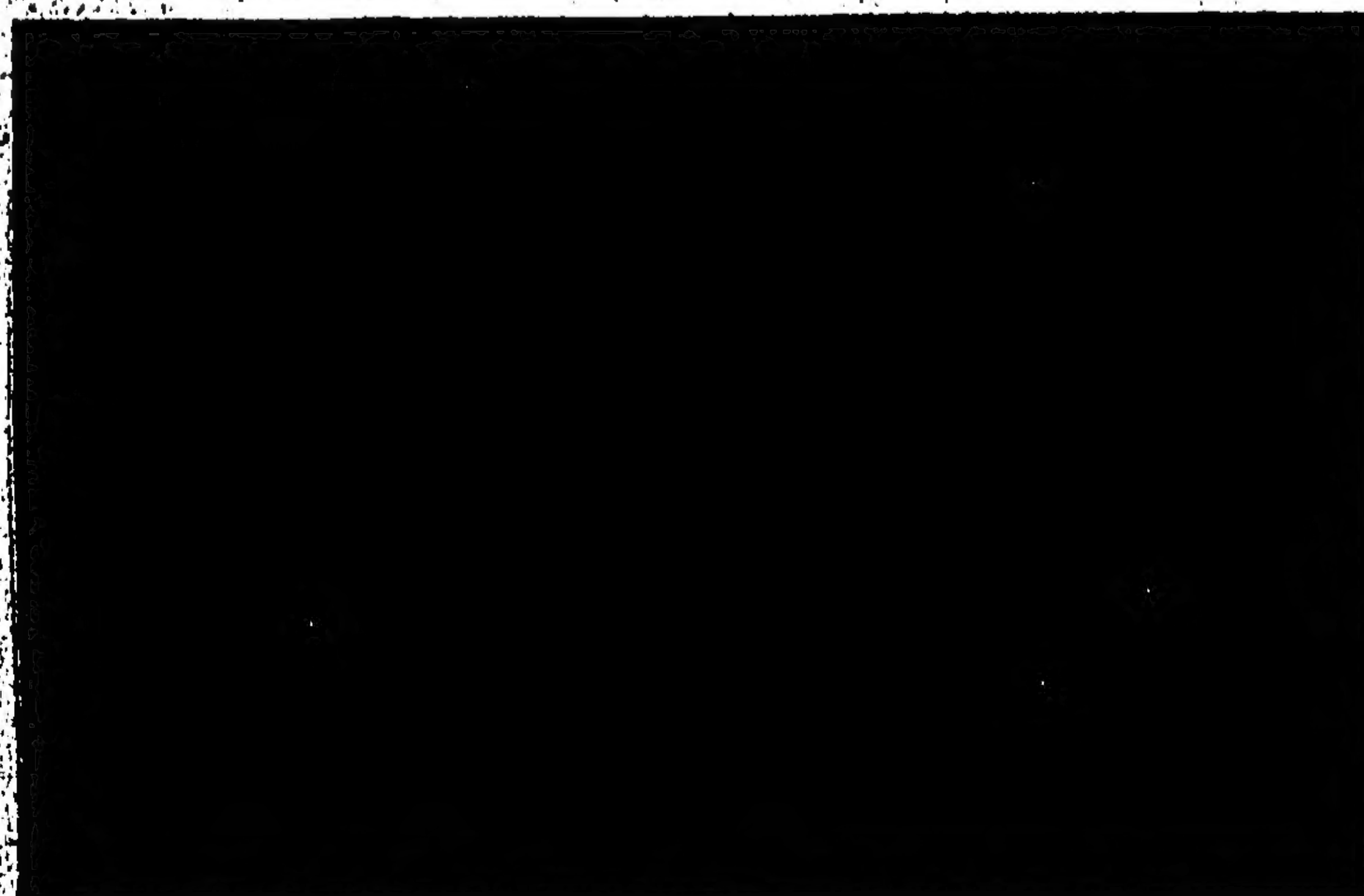
SIR Noel Bowater, Lord Mayor of London, and Lady Bowater help the youngsters in a spot of tug-of-war at a fancy dress party given at the Mansion House for 1,000 children of mayors and other civic dignitaries.



FROM Salisbury, Rhodesia, James Angus Graham flew 6,000 miles to attend his father's funeral in Scotland. His father's death made him the seventh Duke of Montrose, the proudest title in Scotland. He is seen with the 26-year-old Duchess. He is 46, and has been farming in Rhodesia. (Express)



MISS Moh Youn Sook, Korea's patriotic poetess, and three Korean newspapermen, who are now visiting England at the invitation of the British Government, seen with the Korean Minister, Mr. Myo Mook Lee, on extreme left. (Express)



THE President of Turkey, Mr. Celal Bayar, inspecting a guard of honour provided by the 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), as he departed from Southampton for the East Mauretania for New York.

NANCY

Just In Time!

By Ernie Bushmiller



BLACK
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HOAXING THE ART EXPERTS

By J. W. Taylor

THE now notorious Pitt-down skull hoax focuses on the major problem and ever-present torment of curators of museums all over the world—the fake and the forger.

For many years now the faking of rare and priceless objects of art, whether pieces of pottery, carvings, paintings, and even old bones, has been more rife than is generally supposed and has provided a lucrative income for the unscrupulous. Indeed, the copying of antique furniture and old master paintings has been reduced to a fine art by those engaged in the most profitable of rackets, and many an expert has been taken in by the clever frauds.

The famous painter Augustus John once declared that Corot painted 500 pictures and that there were five thousand of them in the United States!

Even in the more recent days of detection of fakes by the modern scientific process of using infra-red rays, which make it easy to differentiate between the pigments employed by 17th century painters and those used today, Dutch artist Hans Van Meegeren deceived the eminent Dutch galleries with his faked Vermeers and Pieters de Hooches, and raked in a cool £800,000 before he was exposed as one of the cleverest frauds ever.

Vivid Colours

The exquisitely vivid colours of the Vermeers were thought to be unequalled, but Meegeren matched them with his own amazing materials and went one better by manufacturing canvas squares that really looked the genuine thing. A brilliant artist himself and an expert on the works of Dutch painters, Meegeren superbly faked the Vermeers and "The Dismissal at Emmaus" and "The Anointment of the Feet," acclaimed as two of the long-lost masterpieces of the most meticulous of all the Dutch painters.

When his prosecutors expressed doubts as to Meegeren's capabilities of producing such masterly copies, the offered to do so in his cell under expert supervision and promptly whisked off further copies which appeared to be like the originals. He died in prison shortly afterwards.

A grandson of the 18th century French painter Millet, celebrated for his pair of pictures, "The Angelus" and "The Gleaners," wanted to make some quick money and employed Maison Lafitte to copy the Millet works. In four years the market was flooded with 3,000 of these and other fakes. At the youths' subsequent trial he ironically described how he had taken seven of his paintings to London—six of them fakes. No one would buy the genuine "Millet," but he quickly disposed of the six forgeries!

Much Success

The grandson, employing other impecunious painters, also produced fakes of works by Degas, Lautrec, Cezanne and Claude Monet, with much financial success until caught by the famous Paris detective, Jean Belin.

The really clever fakers make it difficult for even the most expert authorities to detect the frauds without the latest scientific aids. Not long before World War I, Dr. Bode, whose opinion was said to be infallible, even made a mistake. A picture he judged to be an authentic Rembrandt later had to be cleaned. It was found to be painted on a piece of advertisement, panelling.

Art authorities where Britain's national collections are housed have long since established special departments to verify the authenticity of works submitted, and to check the reputation of gifts purporting to be genuine scientific or artistic relics.

Experts Examine

The British Museum has such an investigation department in a novel-looking dwelling house behind the main building, called the "Research Laboratory." It is staffed by a number of experts who daily examine a host of objects submitted for acceptance.

To their credit and professional ability, it may be said that they reject a number sent in, especially pieces of antique sculpture, Chinese porcelain, Mexican carvings, and ancient pottery. These are the commonest of the forgers and the most easy to fake. There are, however, specimens sent in by unscrupulous donors with no intention of making a profit, but who are quite misled by the impression that what they have to offer is the real genuine thing.



A Soviet commission of experts on bloodstock is visiting Newmarket with a view to purchasing thoroughbreds for breeding. London Express Service

THE JAPS BRING BACK THE TERROR...



... to show war doesn't pay—when you lose



If you could visit Tokyo's cinemas today, this is the sort of thing you would see as the Japanese live again through the horror moments of the war. These scenes are from a new war film, "Tower of Lilies." It tells of the schoolgirl nurses who died on Okinawa.

I FOUND IT FRANKLY HORRIFYING...

PEARL HARBOUR... I have dived in a Japanese torpedo bomber upon the unsuspecting battle fleet. I have watched the Japanese battleship Yamato, the biggest ever built, capsize in flames off Okinawa.

I have seen Japanese schoolgirls mown down by American warplanes and screaming Japanese refugees crushed under an American tank.

And where did I see these things? On cinema screens. Japanese cinema screens. For on a trip to Tokyo from Korea I found no escape from war and memories of war.

Today Japan is flooded with grisly new films of the 1939-45 war.

They are all Japanese. They are lengthy but well made. The photography is excellent, the realism frightening.

The nurses

BUT the artistry is gone. There is none of the magic say, of "Rashomon," the flashback tale of old Japan that won a top award at the Venice Film Festival. All that is left is suffering, sentiment, and the stench of death.

The schoolgirl epic, for instance. The tragic story of the Okinawa High School students who were conscripted as nurses during the American invasion of that island.

The title, "Himeyuri-no-to" ("Tower of Lilies"), describes their monument. Some girls fall bullet-riddled as they wash out bandages. Some die among the piles of military dead. Some are blinded or driven mad; one girl is shot in the back by her teacher as she tries to surrender to the invaders.

The survivors fall under machine-gun fire or kill themselves with grenades.

It was frankly horrifying. Why on earth make such a picture? I asked my Japanese

Tokyo cinema audiences weep as they watch the war films now flooding Japan, but pride in war lingers still

Says RUSSELL SPURR

ase assistant. But he was in tears. "Beautiful," he sobbed. "So beautiful. That was indeed the spirit of the times."

The audience wept too. The tired housewives in their drab kimonos, the shabby little men with their briefcases and umbrellas, the schoolchildren munching nuts and seaweed-flavoured rice cakes.

"Beautiful," sobbed my assistant, and the critics agreed. "Himeyuri-no-to" has been the smash hit of 1953.

And why? The recipe is unsavoury but simple. Appeal to the two most fashionable sentiments in present-day Japan—pride and sorrow.

Pride that little Japan has achieved so much. Sorrow that Japan lost (but ah so bravely) in the end.

Here is the recipe again in "Senjimon," about the 80,000-ton battleship Yamato, largest the world has ever seen.

There was pride in the grubby little suburban cinema where I saw the film. Pride at the technical skill of a nation able to build a warship nearly twice as big as the Vanguard. Sorrow at the way she was thrown away in a despicable suicidal gesture.

Sentenced

BLACK-UNIFORMED schoolboys beside me hunched forward in their seats as the agonised Japanese sailors staffed their proud ship to destruction. She was all that was left of the once-proud imperial navy, but Okinawa was being invaded and the Americans must be stopped.

So the Yamato set out against a combined American and British task force without any

cover and with only enough fuel for a one-way trip.

The Yamato became the target of 400 carrier planes before even sighting Okinawa, and capsize at night with 32 torpedoes in her port side.

I almost cheered with relief. For two hours her crew had been dying with ghastly realism.

The quartermaster was hit in the face with a bomb splinter; the captain died to a bridge stanchion so that he might go down with his ship; the radio operator drowning at his transmitter.

So gruesome—so unnecessary.

The message

OF course, it is all done in the cause of peace. Japanese movie-makers profess to prove that war does not pay. But the message comes out like: "War doesn't pay when you lose."

Somewhere behind it I sense an insidious conditioning of the Japanese people for future, less peaceful, pursuits.

Most dangerous trend is the revival of hero worship. The exaltation of men like Admiral Yamamoto, architect of the Pearl Harbour attack, and General "Tiger" Yamashita, conqueror of Singapore.

The heroes are portrayed as fearless, silent men, opposed to war, but dedicated to service. The enemy, it is hinted, was ruthless and mean-barbaric.

In the Yamashita film, General Yamashita is the hero, a U.S. soldier, the Japanese watching Mickey

"We decided to eliminate it after protests in the Press."

My chief interest in the film was the surrender of Singapore. The strong man Yamashita is trying to bluff the British into surrender.

He is outnumbered ten to one by the defending forces (so the film says) and wants them to hoist the white flag before they find out.

Yamashita and General Percival meet in the Japanese battle headquarters. The British commander pleads (in a strong American accent) for time.

The "Tiger" slams the table. Then Percival frangs his head. "I offer unconditional surrender," he whispers.

The audience did not clap or cheer. They know what was coming. The Japanese general was to be tried by American court martial and hanged (quite unfairly, of course) for war crimes in the Philippines. They waited happily—to weep.

'Wonderful'

MUCH of the Admiral Yamamoto picture, "Tahelito no Washi" ("Eagle of the Pacific") is actual wartime film.

Through the carnage Yamamoto emerges a stolid and imperturbable figure. A reluctant but ruthless fighter.

At last he takes off in a bomber for Tokyo. He intends to demand air and naval support for his hard-pressed forces.

But the Americans crack the Japanese code. Fighter squadrons ambush the admiral's bomber. For him and for the movie audience it is THE END.

"Wonderful," sighed my assistant. "Such great men do not live today."

I walked out through the waiting crowd wondering if it would not have been better for a year or two more, to keep the Japanese watching Mickey

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Chapman Pincher meets a man who has a tough formula for NOT catching cold

THE business man looked carefully at the commercial traveller who had called on him and said: "Would you mind going into the next office and I will talk to you over the phone?" "Have you got a cold?" said the voice of the business man as the traveller picked up the telephone. "Yes, a snorter," the traveller replied.

Sent home

BY such ruthless measures the business man, who is a close friend of mine, has managed to keep clear of colds and consequent chest troubles so far this winter—the first time for ten years.

He is satisfied that any business he may have lost through his brusque treatment of people who go around spreading colds has been more than made up by the fact that he has not been kept away from his office.

Any of his clerks, typists, or executives who turn up to work with obvious colds are smartly sent home and told to stay there until they are well again. "I am sure I shall pain many hours over the year this way, by cutting down the spread of infection among the staff," he told me.

Spare room

FRIENDS who call at his home still shudder from colds get the same rough justice. He will not shake hands with anyone who has a cold, since he learned that contaminated hands help to spread infection.

He moves out of any half-way carriage. If a persistent nose-blower comes in,

If his wife catches a cold he sleeps in the spare bedroom or goes to his club for a few days.

I assure you he is no grouch. A more genial or gregarious man would be hard to find. He is simply taking sensible precautions against a serious complaint, which costs the country 40 million man-days a year and many lives.

The person who gallantly goes to work with a cold can be as dangerous to others as a typhoid carrier—particularly to elderly people subject to bronchitis.

This is especially true this year, in the cold germ which has been going the rounds since Christmas seems to be unusually virulent. Doctors are getting exceptionally high numbers of patients with bad colds, sore throats, and digestive upsets, following "common colds."

Avoiding contact with people with colds is the only effective action anyone can take, because the doctors have nothing new to offer in the way of treatment for colds in spite of intensive research.

They have found out more about the ways colds spread, however, and the results help to justify the action taken by my business friend.

At office

LONDON scientists, led by Dr Donald Reid, recently investigated the spread of colds among 131 men and women office workers. They found that half the people who caught colds seemed to contract them from someone else at the office.

Only 13 people—one in every 10—got through a whole year without a cold.

Most of the others caught between two and three colds in the year. Some had as many as six.

Women, especially young ones, were far more susceptible to colds than men, a finding which ties up with tests carried out at the Harvard Hospital, Cambridge, where human volunteers were deliberately given colds.

The evidence showed that once you have had a cold you may have some resistance to a further attack from the same germ, but this immunity lasts for only a short time.

This seems to rule out vaccines as a worthwhile method of preventing colds, for the short protection they would give would hardly justify their cost.

Children

THIS scientists were surprised to find no support for the belief that children are mainly responsible for bringing colds into the home. People living in childless houses caught as many colds as those in daily contact with youngsters.

Ultimate aim of sniffs-and-sneezes inquiries like this is to devise methods of killing cold germs in the air breathed by people working in offices and factories.

No device is likely to be ready for use for some winters yet. So, until then, the advice of my business friend is the best I know—take a tough line with people who go around spreading colds, including yourself.

It's food after all

★ THE PSYCHOLOGISTS star that school fannies overeat because they are "emotionally retarded" has been debunked by French doctors who have investigated 100 overweight children.

The doctors concluded that there is no consistent psychological difference between fat children and those of average size.

Most fatties are "too pre-occupied with food," the doc report, but they found many voracious eaters among skinny youngsters.

Chimp gives orders

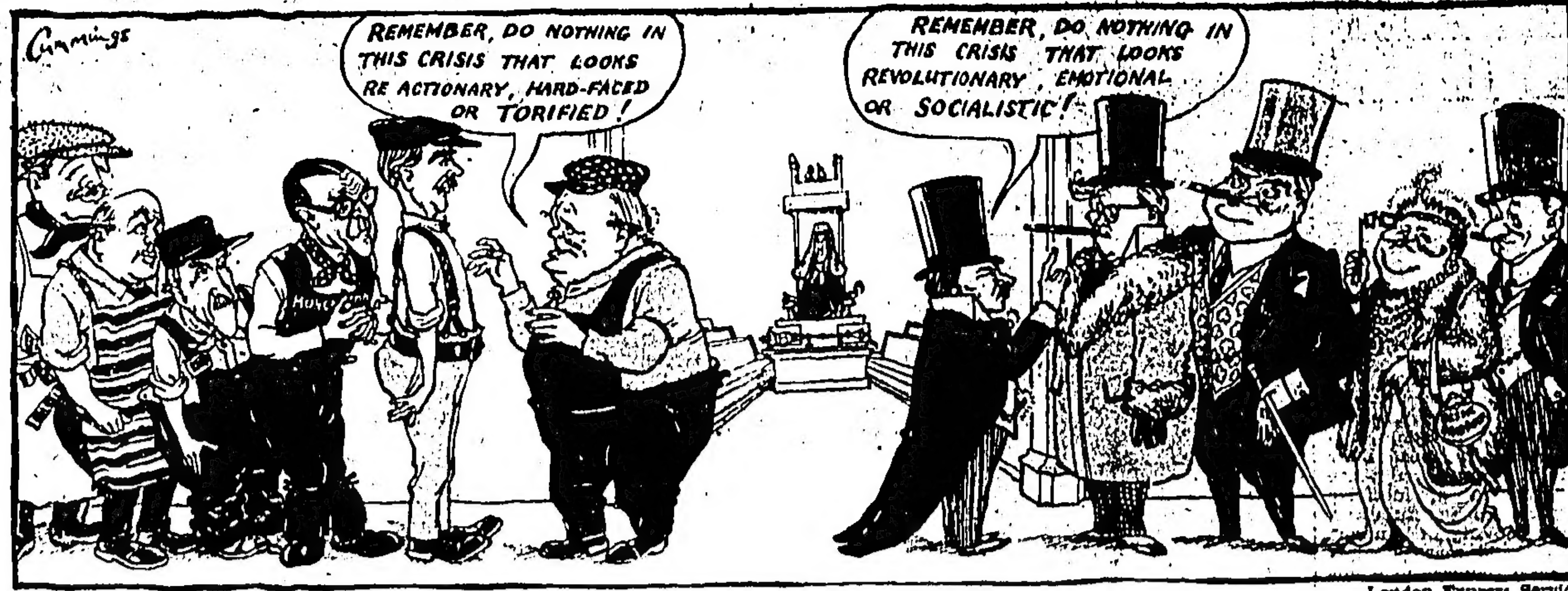
★ A CHIMP has brains enough to recognise many of the objects pictured in newspapers and magazines, U.S. scientist Keith Hayes and his wife Catherine report.

They should know. A house-trained chimp called Viki has been living with them for five years and has been treated like a child.

Several times in the last year Viki has pointed to pictures in drink adverts, made a sound like the word "cup," and led her foster-parents into the kitchen to get her a drink.

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BEHIND the Iron Curtain in Europe and under the governance of almost identical Communist regimes 100 million people live. I bring news of them, first news of some of their homelands for more than five years.

I have journeyed 12,000 miles criss-cross over Europe to see for myself how these millions have been faring since they disappeared from the community of the free nations.

I have stayed in Warsaw, Budapest, Bucharest, Prague, and Sofia as long as the authorities would let me. I have seen everything they were prepared to show me and gone everywhere they allowed me to go.

It has not been easy reporting. In some countries the most ordinary form of information such as, let us say, the incidence of swine fever is guarded with as much desperate secrecy as figures for the output of uranium from the Rumanian mines at Cluj.

Accent on youth

THE nightshift working on Warsaw's underground railway takes their sandwiches to the job in brief-cases.

My interpreter seemed surprised at my interest. Didn't everybody carry a brief-case in England? Didn't I think they made a man look important? Like a civil servant?

Brief-cases apart, there is an immensely impressive accent on youth. No expense is too great, nothing is too much trouble if it succeeds in capturing the enthusiasm of the young.

Warsaw is the most savagely damaged of all the capitals within the Soviet orbit, yet priority has been given to the rebuilding of the University of Physical Culture.

During the European amateur boxing championships I reported there, I saw at close range the care with which they surround their athletes.

Any boxer who lost a bout and collected a few good punches in the process was taken off to a fully equipped clinic.

He was first X-rayed. An orthopaedic surgeon examined him for damage to hands and wrists. A specialist connected up an electro-cardiogram to check over the heart. A physician kept a record of blood pressure during the first 15 minutes of recuperation.

Written off

THIS examination was given not only to their own boxers but to two defeated members of the British team and all the beaten Russians as well.

In Hungary I found that Budapest could fall down before they would stop work on the magnificent new stadium there as big as Wembley. In Bucharest, capital of Rumania, they turned a huge refuse pit into a sports arena with a seating capacity of 80,000—all done in four months from scratch.

Sports grounds come before slum clearance and gymnasiums before main water supplies.

Accents on youth—and an acceptance of the fact that an old dog cannot be taught the new dialectic tricks. Therefore, the Communist regimes are willing to write-off pre-war generations as being almost a dead loss.

It is a good propaganda line to let them keep their churches open and cling to their wish, to the faith of their fathers.

But it is noticeable that at the time for Sunday morning services in the churches there are caravans on the banks of the Vistula for the youth of Warsaw. In Bucharest's Stalin Park there are adolescents, folk dancing, and processions.

It is not easy to assess just how far this plan to keep the young away from the churches is succeeding. In Poland I would say hardly at all. There the influence of the Reformation never penetrated and the

Brave words

ON another occasion he attacked the "patriot priests" who are prepared to play along with the regime. The cardinal said: "Things have reached such a pass in the Church today that people are afraid to go to confession. If they do, they may find that they are confessing to an enemy."

Brave but dangerous words. It is no wonder that he was forced to leave his palace in Warsaw and "retire" to a monastery.

How this account on the spot pays off in results I remember driving through Prague one evening as the great, neon-red, Soviet stars lit up all over the city. With me was my interpreter, a 21-year-old languages student named Olga.

"When I see those big, red, shining stars," she said, "I get a wonderful feeling of comfort and security!"

That word surprised me. "Yes, security," she said, her pale eyes gleaming behind her thick spectacles, her red, unpowdered face aglow. "I feel that I belong to my country and the country, which has done everything for me, belongs to me."

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No Marvel

AS if this loss of manpower an official booklet handed to me by the State propaganda department discloses that another three-quarters of a million people have been put to work building steel plants where potato fields existed before.

It is no wonder that Czechoslovakia now has to import meat and butter from the Soviet Union, and no marvel at all that the cost of food in Prague is higher than anywhere else in Europe with the exception of Warsaw.

Vast hydro-electric plants are going up, and absorbing still more labour that should be on work on the land. Power and more power is needed for the new and desperately driven industrial ventures.

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to work the next day or the day after that. Then one of my staff told me he had been taken away by the police."

The man continued his story: "Later I heard that he had been sent to gaol for three months for attempting to 'undermine the regime by causing discontent and disaffection.'"

"Now, I knew quite well who had reported him to the police," my Czech companion went on. "It was a woman, a widow who herself had two children. But, of course, I did not say anything to her about the man's arrest. She knew, however, that I knew she was an informer, a spy, if you like."

Couldn't help it

"ONE DAY she came to my office. She started to cry. She said she was very much troubled about how the man's wife and children were getting on while the man was in gaol."

"I said to her: 'This is a fine time to start worrying about them. This is a fine time to start having a conscience. Why did you report to the police? You are a mother. You have children. You know how difficult things are. Yet you make things worse by getting a man sent to gaol. Why do you come crying to me? Perhaps you want to get me sent to gaol too, yes?'"

Said the Czech: "It was a very risky thing to say, but her snivelling made me very angry. I was very indignant. In anger, but I did not at the time care."

"Then this woman said to me: 'I could not help it. The police stopped me one day when I was going home and said that if I did not agree to make reports about people in the factory I would lose my job.'"

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THE "PLAYBOY" with the Rolls-Royce. It was a wedding present to Lord Louis from his wife.

SECRETS OF LORD LOUIS' CHARM

OUR century will see few more vivid personalities than the dynamic, handsome figure, indelibly imprinted on his times as Earl (Lord Louis) Mountbatten.

The sheet-lightning of dramatic circumstance has played unceasingly round his head.

During the first 20 years of his life he was a minor scion of royalty, in an era of revolutionary change.

By the time he was 30 the public regarded him as one of the leading representatives of the apoll and gilded youth which had its fling in the decade after the First World War.

By the time he was 50 he had served not only as a younger Vice Admiral than Nelson or Beatty and the youngest full Admiral in the recorded history of the Royal Navy, but the last and youngest Viceroy in history, responsible for implementing the gift of political freedom to India's teeming millions.

REASSURED

When he met and became engaged to Edwina Ashley, the richest heiress of the day, his mother is said to have had at first severe doubts about the wisdom of such a marriage, to which the wife brought such an overwhelming share of the combined income.

She was much reassured when she met Edwina and found what a small part money had played in her life.

Nevertheless, the pattern of existence, permitted by her immense fortune, was to obscure for many years the true qualities of both husband and wife.

In Lord Louis' case it tended to give a fictitious quality to the unremitting energy he continued to lavish on his naval career.

It has become a commonplace to dismiss the first 40 years of Lord Louis' life as the story of a pleasure-seeking individual with priceless connections and an immensely wealthy wife who entered by some permutation of circumstance, as the dashing and successful commander of a destroyer flotilla.

The simplicity of such an appraisal does him much less than justice.

BLACK-BALLED

His family ties were doubtless one of the factors which enabled him to make such a marriage. Yet many lesser men have married much less money and been content to sink back into a comfortable and wholly ineffectual life.

It has been said of him in later life that the description of playboy which has earned during the period between the wars was grossly misleading because his character was not really inclined to the power to relax.

True it is that through all the years when money was no

object, when life never dropped below the level of large cars and polo and expensive parties, Lord Louis worked almost fanatically at his naval duties.

His single-minded attention to his career did not prevent many of his contemporaries from regarding him as a fearless ornament of the cocktail circuit.

There was about him an air which some found burnished rather than polished and metropolitan rather than urbane.

His car was a very large and very shiny Rolls-Royce, his motor-boat a great thundering, prize-winning monster, for which the members of the Royal Yacht Club at Cowes black-balled him.

He was a leading member of what the world of the 'thirties spoke of rather disapprovingly as the Fort Belvedere Set, which centred round the Prince of Wales.

ABDICATION

Both his own and his wife's names were constantly being bandied around by society gossips as connected with this or that latest liaison.

It was impossible to live down the possession of a millionaire's income except, they were both to find later in life, by acting as if you neither had it nor needed it.

Yet whether by calculation or chance Lord Louis never became so closely identified during these years with any group that its eclipse involved his own.

This was particularly true of the events that led up to the Abdication Crisis. He had long been very close to King Edward VIII, and he was sufficiently quixotic in his loyalty to offer to accompany the Duke of Windsor on his solitary voyage of exile across the Channel.

But almost immediately in the new reign he was re-appointed personal naval A.D.C. to his other second cousin, King George VI, who all his life retained a lasting affection for his brilliant relative.

FRIENDSHIPS

Indeed, it is said that Lord Louis became much closer to the good, devoted monarch who tore out his heart in a task that taxed his every fibre than he had been to his called brother.

Where are we to seek in all this Lord Louis' growing and now developed concern with those less fortunate, endowed than himself? His contacts were by no means confined to the representatives of the social class of which he was a member.

Lord Louis had by now a wide circle of acquaintance among public men. He was a close friend of progressive Tories like Mr. Anthony Eden and the then Lord Granborough. He also knew Sir Stafford Cripps well and had met him through his jovial brother, Colonel "Fred" Cripps.

Of all the great-grandchildren of Queen Victoria, it is probably true to say that he was not only one of the most working contacts with his fellow citizens, but had been given the most opportunity of expressing his personal feelings.

It should not be supposed that birth and wealth automatically impose a conservative outlook.

Indeed a case could be made for the argument that most of the effective social reformers in our history have been patricians, and where position is so resoundingly assured as in Lord Louis' case, radical opinions become easier to uphold.

Like his wife, his overwhelming interest is in human beings as such.

The naval ratings who came under his command were well aware of that.

CARD-INDEX

Naval ratings are a very special breed of men. They live in closer contact with their officers than in any other Service, are able to observe their behaviour and reactions in all circumstances in the steel box which is their communal home.

Perhaps the most striking parallel that can be drawn between Lord Louis and his father—and one that does them utmost credit—is the genuine loyalty and affection they inspired in their ships' companies.

A naval rating is wholly unimpressed by title or rank, apart from the demands of discipline, and will never pull out that extra something for an officer for whom he has no personal regard.

This can be earned in many ways by many different types of officer. It is characteristic of Lord Louis that he added to a charm of which he was fully conscious a precise routine for showing his interest in an in-



Seen here, Lord Louis Mountbatten, and Lady Mountbatten, leaving the freedom of the City of London, after his appointment as Governor-General of India.

THE FABULOUS MOUNTBATTENS

All the Mountbattens from the Prince who ran away with a commoner 100 years ago to the Duke of Edinburgh have been men of great personal charm. Earl Mountbatten is no exception. One of his secrets was a card index system—and a memory for names.

dividual rating and conveying the impression of his personal concern for him.

In all his commands he always had a card index prepared by his watch officers of every man on board, giving such personal and family characteristics as were available.

In a new ship he would memorise the contents a score at a time while shaving and then astound the men as they came up for individual inspection by his knowledge of their personal affairs.

It is a method which has stood him in good stead in a number of different appointments and does not pall even though those introduced to him know of it.

It is another example of his formidable personal organisation, which enables him so to arrange the contrived that it appears spontaneous, and has so trained his mind in clarity of thought that many a don would exchange his degree for the gift.

It took a war to raise both Earl and Countess (Lord and Lady Louis) Mountbatten to their full stature, a process less surprising in his case because he was a professional in a fighting service.

H.M.S. KELLY

He emerged as a cool tactician and a mad-keen fighting man. In the first few sorry months of an initially disastrous war he became one of the rare names associated with courage and the spirit of the offensive.

For two years he served as a destroyer flotilla commander of indomitable courage and energy, who had his ship shattered under him four times and only on the last occasion failed to bring her back to port to fight again.

Lord Louis was able to achieve the one naval ambition denied to his father (Prince Louis of Battenberg)—that of commanding one of His Majesty's ships in action. Where Prince Louis had made his reputation with a cruiser squadron, his son made his name in a destroyer flotilla, and in one destroyer in particular—the Kelly.

The story of his exploits in her provides the watershed in Lord Louis' life. It was his misfortune that the least important of his activities had been the most chronicled. He was regarded as a play-boy, an evaluation that was shortly to undergo a sharp revision.

He handled his destroyer flotilla from the start with rare dash and enterprise. The Kelly was in the evacuation of Norway, and during the latter part of this operation the action

occurred which was to make Mountbatten's name a household word.

At nightfall on May 9 the Kelly was leading the flotilla in search of a German mine-laying force, which had been reported off the Dutch coast.

Visibility was poor when suddenly the outline of an enemy ship was sighted. At the same time look-outs reported the boiling wake of a torpedo heading straight for the Kelly.

THE FIGHT

It hit her full amidships on the port side, sending a searing gout of flame higher than the bridge. A hole 50ft. long had been blown in her side, extending from keel to waterline, and she settled down with a heavy list, a few miles off the enemy coast.

For four days Lord Louis fought to save his ship, as an unwinding stream of bombs poured over to administer the coup de grace. The dead bulk limped towards safety at the end of a tow rope which parted three times.

Although Lord Louis had to abandon the Kelly during the third night, he did not abandon hope, and returned on board with a volunteer party the next morning.

Filthy, bearded and unshaven, ever ready to man an Oerlikon gun or assist in securing the fractious tow, he was still on the bridge when the Kelly lurched into the Humber. His exploit earned him the D.S.O.—and an entirely new reputation.

His fame was then somewhat dimmed by one of the most inconclusive destroyer actions of the war. While the Kelly was in dry dock he transferred his command to other ships of the flotilla. While patrolling in the Javelin the flotilla intercepted a group of German destroyers out of Brest intent on harrying convey traffic. On the British side the whole action was a chapter of accidents.

The German ships succeeded in escaping behind a smoke screen laid by accompanying motor torpedo boats.

OLD GIBES

Mountbatten came in for much criticism.

The old service club gibes of "There is nobody better to be in a tight spot with and nobody likely to get you into one sooner"—"All theory and no practice"—and "It can never be said of Dickie Mountbatten that he learns from experience, because he never does" the same thing twice were revived.

It was said that he had exhibited complete recklessness, employed faulty tactics, that his ships had been deployed in the wrong formation and that he had delayed opening fire for three critical minutes.

Service comment was sufficiently unfavourable for his career to have been adversely affected.

However, his report on the action was endorsed by the C-in-C, Plymouth, and with a less controversial figure than Mountbatten there would probably have been much less criticism.

The episode was soon forgotten when the Kelly went on her last commission to the Mediterranean during the terrible days of Crete, defeat in the desert and German air supremacy.

Fighting a desperate rearguard action, the destroyers bore the brunt of the Navy's share in blunting the German's threatening pincer drive on the Suez Canal. The cost was high. Kelly was sunk, turning turtle at thirty knots after a direct hit. Mountbatten was one of the survivors.

HIS DESTINY

Although he could not yet know it, he had held his last wartime sea-going command.

Survivors leave in Alexandria after the Kelly sinking enabled Lord Louis to see once again his nephew, Prince Philip, by now a midshipman in the battleship Valiant.

Lord Louis at all times kept a very close eye on Prince Philip's progress, and was always ready to give him advice and encouragement. It was not until the outbreak of the Second World War that the two met again.

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As the young men of Spain riot against Britain, what of Gibraltar?

Worry not! The apes are still on the payroll



by HAROLD WALL

EIGHT thousand Spanish students tried to raid the British Embassy in Madrid the other day—the latest in a series of riots engineered to win back Gibraltar, that rock-post of Empire, under Spanish rule.

There have been other riots. Consulate and vice-consulate windows have been smashed all over Spain. Crowds have yelled and shrieked in a frenzy of sentiment and stirred-up patriotism.

Ostensible touch-off for this series of glass-breaking explosions was the announcement that the Queen will visit Gibraltar, which for 250 years has been a British fortress colony guarding the western entrance to the Mediterranean.

Her visit is scheduled for May. All arrangements to receive her have long been made. All will go ahead as planned.

That, indeed, is the keynote of life on the Rock today. Crowds may riot in Madrid. Police may be called out in Barcelona. Shriek cries may rend the Andalusian air. But in Gibraltar life goes on, and the Barbary apes still scamper over the top of the Rock.

Tradition

THERE has for long been a tradition that the day the apes go will see the end of British rule in Gibraltar.

That tradition has now been solidified into something more logical. The apes—20 male, 20 female, each with a given name—are on the Army strength. So the old saying can now be turned round: not until the British Army leaves the Rock can the Barbary apes go!

Today, as every day, the 40 apes, divided into two separate packs, got their rations.

These are drawn from military supplies. In fact, so much "on the strength" are the apes that there is an Officer Com-

manding Rock Apes appointed. The present one is Major A. C. James, R.A., and he draws an annual grant from the Colonial Government of £148 for their maintenance.

"Ape movements" appear in official fortress Orders of the Day, which note births, deaths, and removals—four were sent recently to Glasgow Zoo, and another four, "surplus to local requirements," are shortly to be sent to the zoo at Chester.

All this "Food, Apes, for the use of" seems a long, long way from the riots in Central Spain.

Not a word

SO it must seem to 8,000 Spaniards who work in Gibraltar.

Today, as every day, these 8,000 come into Gibraltar from the Spanish mainland—from La Línea, Algeiras, San Roque, and Tarifa—to work in the dockyard, in hotels, in shops.

Tonight, as every night, they will return home, taking with them their customary purchases of bread, groceries, cigarettes and the rest.

And not a word from any of the 8,000 about the Queen, or the rights of Spain, or the propriety of the British being in Gibraltar at all.

The usual crowd of Britons—Army men and their wives, officials, business men—drive openly and legally across the Spanish frontier, and drive back to their homes or billets on the Rock.

Nobody in the Spanish hinterland, which depends so much upon the prosperity of Gibraltar for its own prosperity, has said one cross word to them.

Indeed, it is reported in Gibraltar that the military governor of Algeiras has given the strictest of instructions that no demonstration "likely to cause a breach of the peace" in the neighbourhood will be

tolerated—not by him, at any rate.

It seems much more than 300 miles from the business-as-usual atmosphere in Gibraltar to the hot-air-in-winter climate of Madrid.

All steady

TRUE some British tourists, due to penetrate into Spain, have hesitated and changed their minds.

But there has been no hesitation about the Spanish dancers who provide entertainment in the night clubs and restaurants huddled round the Rock.

They come in as usual across the frontier. They return, as usual, in the morning. And, as usual, though they may be escorted as far as the frontier, they will go on home alone.

For that is an old Spanish custom which is surviving all the agitation in the streets of the cities of Spain.

You might almost say it is a tradition as steady as a Rock.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



The panel WARN a beautiful girl →

HERE is a young actress, beautiful and talented, to whom success has come early. At 25, Patricia Cutts finds herself a nationally known figure, thanks not only to her stage experience, but also to her appearances on TV.

Forced by her profession to take her meals at irregular hours, much sought after socially, hurrying from a theatrical lunch to a photographer's studio, she has little time to think about her health.

This is, in a way, as it should be. A girl of her age should not be preoccupied with her health. All the same, it is difficult for a young actress not to burn the candle at both ends, and almost impossible for her to find sufficient time for relaxation.

Indeed, she confesses to an inability to relax, and this causes her to become upset more easily than she would be in some more placid profession. These are tell-tale signs.

Though Miss Cutts feels well in herself now—and indeed, let it be stressed, is a perfectly healthy person—the constant strain of having to be always at her best, the necessity to be bright and gay the whole of the time, may be laying the foundations of some sort of trouble in the future.

Her day

Let us have a look at Patricia Cutts's working day.

She cooks her own breakfast (usually eggs and bacon, or a similar meal), and starts telephoning right away to various people to make appointments.

On many days there is some kind of professional or business lunch, which invariably starts with cocktails, and usually reaches the liquor stage around 2.30. On other days there is barely time for a snack.

In the afternoon she takes her dog for a walk, and then attends to what she describes as "various odds and ends" which have to be done. It may be a session at the photographer's, it may be a meeting with her agent.

After the theatre, dinner, perhaps a dance, and bed "somewhere between 1 and 2 a.m."

That is Patricia Cutts's working day. It is a heavy one, too.

Her problems

Her problems are not very different from those of thousands of other career girls. The fact that she is an actress makes her time-table different, but that is only a question of organization.

Basically, the problems—erratic meals, a busy pro-

BUT THINK, MISS CUTTS, OF 1964

HOW TO LIVE TO BE 100

TO-DAY
Patricia Cutts.
Age 25.
Profession: Actress.
Smoking: 20 cigarettes a day.
Weight: 9st. 8lb. Height: 5ft. 7in.
Health rating: 18.

Professional life combined with a hectic social life, the constant drain on physical and nervous energy—these are the facts.

The task of the medical board is to help Patricia Cutts, and other girls with similar problems, to avoid the dangers that lie ahead, to preserve health, youth and figure.

Our advice to Miss Cutts is: think about the future. It is for you to decide whether you want to build up a career of growing triumph and renown, which will entail certain sacrifices now. Or whether you are prepared, in the excitement of your early success, to burn yourself out prematurely in a furious activity which leads nowhere.

A girl in her twenties can work hard; there is every reason why she should. She can play hard; there is nothing against that. But she must try to get the two in the right proportion.

What is the right proportion? It is a division of the 24 hours into three equal parts: eight hours for working, eight for sleeping, eight for leisure.

The great experiment is over and the board sum up

A GREAT experiment, we call it, when these articles started. It has proved to be more than that. In the course of investigating the health and interests of three women and two men, the medical board have established a number of basic rules for everybody.

One thread has run consistently through their reports. It is the same for every age group, and for both sexes. It applies to every profession. They attach an over-riding importance to outside interests.

The man who boasts that he has no time for anything but his work is either not telling the truth, or he is gambling with his life and health.

The older you get the more important an outside interest becomes, for the moment arrives when work ceases to be your chief pre-occupation. If you are a housewife, your family grows up; if you are a business man, you retire.

Then, if you have no outside interest, there is a great vacuum

in your life. At that age it is very difficult to fill it.

That is why we have impressed on all members of the panel the need to take up an outside interest now.

Having chosen it, organise your work round a sensible time-table, so that you can fit it into your leisure hours without a sense of rush.

Leave enough margin in the leisure hours for regular exercise two or three times a week, even if it is only walking. Younger men and women tend to give up energetic sport too early. But violently competitive games should be avoided by the middle-aged.

We can't promise that every-one who has read these articles will live to be 100; we can't even promise them freedom from illness. But we have set five individuals on the right road with a few simple precepts and, along with them, countless thousands of others who want to make the most of their lives. Make sure you are one of them.



PATRICIA CUTTS
She must decide

Miss Cutts tries to make it a rule to be in bed eight full hours before her alarm clock goes off. She is lucky. In her profession it does not always have to go off at the crack of dawn.

In she were tied to office hours she would have to take them into account where invitations to parties begin to mount up.

The human frame cannot stand an endless succession of parties and late nights. Surely it is better to say no once in a while than not to be given the opportunity to say yes in 10 years' time!

Don't imagine that we are taking a high moral tone about this. Girls should go to parties, it is an essential part of their relaxation. But constant party-going is a drain on physical and nervous energy.

Moderation

Nor do we wish to take a high moral tone about alcohol. There is no medical reason why a girl of 25 should not drink in moderation. And Miss Cutts drinks only in moderation.

She knows the dangers of spirits. They are two-fold. The high caloric value of alcohol is a danger to the figure. And spirits are also a threat to the complexion. They gradually cause the enlargement of the small blood vessels of the face. Once this unsightly process has begun, there is no reversing it.

Therefore, wine should be chosen in preference to spirits. A hardy girl? Surely not, at 25 years of age.

The diet of young people, and especially of girls as energetic as Miss Cutts, must provide the materials to keep them lively and active. They need the vitamins that allow their food to be put to the best purpose.

Mrs Cutts will get the vitamins she requires if she makes a point of having at least one orange, a generous helping of green vegetables, a pint of milk, and

one egg every day. And she should make liberal use of wheat germ. (In the form of wholemeal bread or yeast extract.)

Smoking? Try to confine it to after meals, and in any case, to not more than 10 cigarettes a day.

An interest

As for the way she fills up her eight hours of leisure, the medical board under that Patricia Cutts should cultivate an outside interest now, while her mind is still supple.

What kind of interest? Miss Cutts says that it has always been her ambition to speak French and German.

Learning a foreign language is a ready-made outside interest for Miss Cutts.

But there are countless other subjects a young girl can take up. The important thing is to have an interest that has nothing to do with your work.

What outdoor activity should be included in those eight hours of leisure?

Patricia Cutts counts proudly to her half-hour's walk a day with the dog. That doesn't add up to much in terms of fresh air and exercise.

Do get right out in the country on Sundays. We should say the same if Miss Cutts were a junior typist instead of a successful actress, and a day's outing meant a real financial sacrifice.

Work, play

It doesn't cost more than many girls spend on artificial aids for their complexion. The result is the same—or better; this is nature's beauty treatment.

Hard work, the right kind of play, a properly balanced diet, eight hours sleep—these are the positive essentials for the 20-30 age group.

They will help Patricia Cutts to go on to still greater triumphs, and enable her to delight us on stage and screen for very many years to come.

Hats And Umbrellas Reflect A Trend

By LES ARMOUR

London. **W**E are gratified to note that respectability is on the upsurge in Britain.

This piece of information comes to us by way of a maker of men's umbrellas in Stockbridge and the hat makers of Luton.

The umbrella-making gent piles his trade with the dedication due to so vital a part of the British way of life. And it is plain that his concern for the moral welfare of the middle classes extends beyond the immediate problem of selling brollys.

He is, of course, full of pride because his production has climbed to more than 14,000 a week. (Two years ago, he was laying men off right and left.) And he hastens to give due and proper credit to Mr Butler who so recently took the tax off umbrellas.

AN EMBLEM

But he is not content to stop there. His firm magazine admonishes: "The umbrella, being an emblem of respectability, should always be treated with respect. It should be rolled with artistry, which comes only with years of experience. Never swing or flourish or wave your umbrella ever to a passing bus or train."

We are properly abashed—being in the habit of using ours, gladiator fashion, to clear a path into the underground stations.

But let us hasten to pass over this embarrassing point and listen to the hat makers of Luton. No less an authority than the "Board of Trade Journal" notes with satisfaction that British women seem to be wearing hats again.

Between five and six thousand people are now employed in Luton hat trades—most of them working, as their ancestors did, in their homes.

In pre-war days, nearly twice that number were employed, mostly in making straw hats. But, at the war's end, straw had reverted to animal fodder status and things looked bleak indeed.

SWING-BACK

The Luton men, however, look to making felt hats, but with little success.

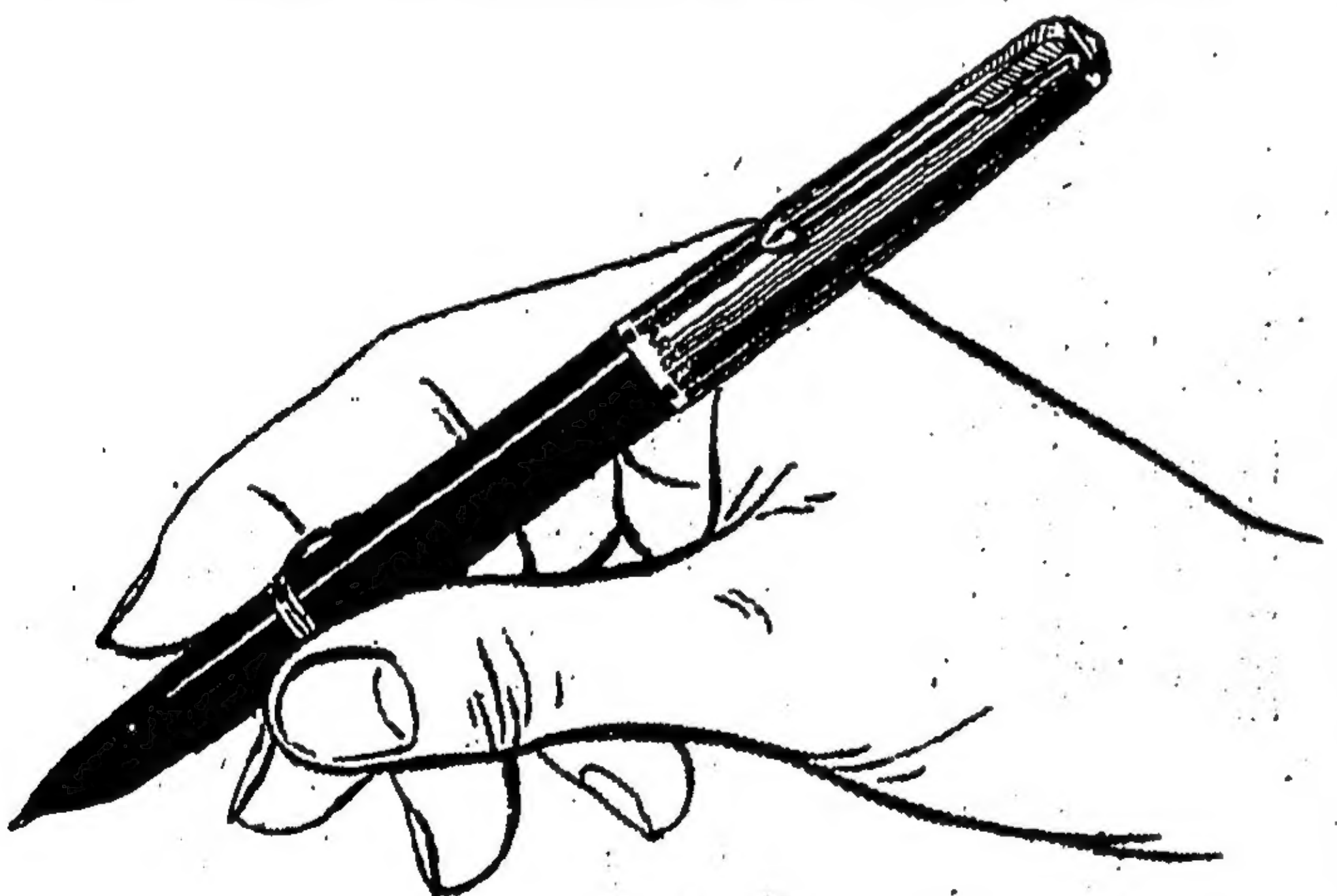
What the Board of Trade charmingly calls "an unfortunate wartime and early postwar trend"—the habit of wearing head scarves—had left them, as it were, clumping at nothing.

This trend—in the manner of all Board of Trade trends—has now been "retarded," and the British woman is returning to respectability.

This time no artificial stimulus from Mr Butler was required.

The Board of Trade credits the coronation of Queen Elizabeth to the throne and the consequent added interest which Her Majesty has stimulated in fashions, and also the holding of the first post-war Easter Bonnet parade in 1949.

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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

Wise Woman
Knows How To
Forestall Her
Grievances

By HELEN FOLLETT

WISE women watch their faces carefully for signs that all may not be well with their complexion and facial contour.

These watchers may discover tiny wrinkles around the eyes, they can come early, especially if vision is not normal. They may suspect that the smooth surface of the throat has become a bit soft or crepe-like. Then, with a determined lift of the chin and a sharp gleam in the eye, they set out to forestall grievances that may be budding.

Applying Creams

They do not leave all the work to the creams and lotions, knowing that cosmetics should not just be applied to the skin, but should be worked in with the fingertips. This is especially necessary when applying oily cosmetics to the face and neck.

When applying an emollient to your neck, fold your fingers in the palms of your hands, and use your knuckles. Start kneading at the line of the collarbone, working upward. Throw your head back, but don't have the muscles tense. Turn your head to the right, treat the left side of the neck; then the other way about.

Simple Exercise

There is a simple exercise that will help. Open your mouth wide, throw the head back, then close your mouth and back to the first position. These movements are likely to keep a second chin from forming, in case you are inclined to take on adipose tissue.

If there is a tired droop of the muscles at the sides of the face "huff and puff." Fill your cheeks with air then try to blow it out through tightly closed lips. This is a help to the girl with hollow cheeks, too.

So It's All
Settled
Now...

By Venetia Murray

LONDON. A FASHION that has been fighting for its life for months took one step nearer the end last week.

The long evening dress—full, flattering, and formal—was dealt a weighty blow by the man who made his name producing it. Victor Stiebel, at the first of the London fashion shows, had not a long dress in his collection.

Gone were the prettiest evening dresses in London—the layers of floating tulle, the regal satins, the light, glamorous laces trailing to the ground, which made him famous.

Instead, the Stiebel evening dresses are ballet length, and they show the American influence. On and on they came—full of a muchness, with their full skirts, tight bodices, and nipped-in, belted waists.

On they came—back pleated tulle over lime green; black and white printed paper taffeta with a black tulle sash over one shoulder; coffee cream lace with a pink rose; grey and black tulle covered with immense red poppies.

They are pretty enough, these dresses, for the very young—and the very few not-so-young who still have perfect legs, well-shaped shoulders, trim figures.

But oh, how useless for anyone who wants the way of dress that makes you look glamorous however you feel—the sort of dress you can hide behind!

London-Express Service



A white linen suit with an outside in black bows. The jacket follows the new line—held in at the front, loose at the back.

A full skirted dress for evening. It has three quarter sleeves and the new wide v-neckline.

Fashionable Styling for
Centuries-Old Materials

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

TO many people, Ireland is a country of leprechauns and the Blarney stone, a land of poets and song-writers.

From now on it's going to be a fashion centre as well. Surprising? Not if you consider the work of Sybil Connolly and Elizabeth James, and remember that Ireland has produced several of London's leading designers—Mr. Michael, for instance, and John Cavanagh.

Sybil Connolly and Elizabeth James are already well-established in the dollar market, and for that reason both are probably better known in America than in Britain. And they both have the same aim: to give the handwoven tweeds and linens which have been made in Ireland for centuries, the fashionable styling they deserve.

eighteenth-century house in County Cork. There she has her factory, and there any day of the week you'll find sixty Irishwomen busily stitching her designs.

Mrs. James is slim, raven-haired and vivacious—in fact, quite a colleen. Her success now is due partly to training, partly to flair. The training she received at the Royal College of Art where she took a degree in design, and at a wholesale firm in London. And the flair? That runs in the family. She's a great-niece of Mrs. "Cookery Book" Beeton, the originator of paper patterns.

This is the way in which centuries-old materials are given a fashionable air—and it is also the way in which Ireland is putting itself on the fashion map.

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Last week Elizabeth James showed her collection in London, for the first time. She's a designer who believes that fashion and practicality should go together. It's no use making a town suit with a skirt so tight that it would be impossible to climb on a bus in it. So all her straight skirts have pleats at the back.

She goes in for quiet shades, particularly beige and grey; but she always puts bright colours with them. A suit in beige tweed, for example, would have a jacket lining, shirt and scarf in pink and white printed silk.

She achieves effects by switching materials. Not silk or brocade for a short evening dress, but white tweed. Not wool for a cold-weather dress, but black and white striped cotton, given warmth by knitted cuffs and polo neck.

And if you thought that crocheted should be confined to table mats, now's the time to revise your ideas. Mrs. James makes several dresses in hand-crocheted white silk.

She also switches colours. Black or navy with white is usually a popular spring combination, but this year lots of women will be choosing white with touches of black. One of the new suits is in white linen and is trimmed on the collar with an outside in black bows.

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She has an original touch with accessories. A fringed shawl to match a coat; a six-inch deep patent leather belt with a tweed dress; hand-made earrings studded with semi-precious stones; evening bags shaped like fish and covered with sequins. These bags may be new and smart—but would you carry one?

Judging by the clothes she designs, you might expect Mrs. James to be established in Mayfair alongside fashion's foremost... but you'd be wrong. Like Sybil Connolly, she's staying at home in Ireland. All her clothes are planned—and made in an

A Unique
Suit

Petalled cardigan neckline and arched banded hips for a Belfast suit from the Dave Bellamy collection for Spring. The fabric is watermelon pink Soicalaine, a silk-and-worsted.

—Express Photo.

RAINBOW-HUED
UNDERWEAR
THE LATEST

New York. ELEVEN hundred buyers of women's underwear have just spent an ecstatic week seeing the latest American models for 1954. Even in this land of easy going, this is the first time such a spree has ever been held.

BERMUDA TRIP

British dollar-earning entered into the show. Each retail buyer was urged to take a chance in a sweep-stake for a free trip to Bermuda. He or she—there were some women—could, in fact, take 194 chances, as there were 194 exhibiting manufacturers, and any one client could take a chance with each.

Here are the latest trends in frilly underthings: White and pink are finished. The range of

colours is as varied as the rainbow. Rainbow-hued petticoats of paper taffeta, or scarlet nylon underslips blaze the trail of the new trend for brighter coloured underthings.

WALTZ-LENGTH

Shorter nightdresses are piped with narrow scarlet or brightly coloured washable velvet ribbon and are frilled just below the knee. They call them "Waltz-length."

Elastic shoulder straps for uneasy sleepers stretch as they fidget and never slip off.

Women are wearing shorts for sleeping. They are in cotton plisse needing no ironing. You can have Boxer shorts, Bermuda shorts or Toreador pants for sleeping.

Terry towelling is being styled for housecoats with nylon, satin and rhinestone trimmings.

ALL PURPOSE EXERCISE : FOR
OVERWEIGHT... AND NORMAL

By Ida Jean Kain

EXERCISE is no match for excess calories. It has been proved that you cannot overeat and keep weight controlled by exercise, even a prodigious amount. That being the case, it is easy to take the course of least resistance and conclude that since exercise is not reducing, why bother.

The ideal way to show the beauty role of exercise is to take three women of varying weights—one overweight, one underweight, and a third, normal weight but out of shape—and explain what can happen with the same exercise.

To control weight, the calories must be suited to

individual needs. The overweight's diet should be limited to 1,100 calories daily which is about 800 below her requirements. The underweight's menus should furnish between 2,800 and 3,000 calories, which allows for 800 above her requirements. Our normal weight, if she does sedentary work, needs approximately 2,000 calories a day, to match her fuel intake to her energy requirements so she will neither gain nor lose pounds.

On those menus, here is what can be expected to hap-

pen by means of the same exercise: The overweight will draw on stored fat, and the pounds will be likely to come off the right spots because fat there will be joggled and made more readily available for use. Also through improved muscle tone, the dieter's measurements will be slimmer. The underweight will gain on the extra calories; but the pounds will not bundle about the waist if she is stretching. And, since all exercises are developing in underdeveloped spots, the thin woman will be pleased with results. With this same exercise, our normal weight will look normal weight instead of bulky and she will be in better shape.

Position: Lying on back on floor, feet elevated to low bench, arms down at sides, palms up.

Movement: Flex alternate knees firmly to chest as arms are circled around on floor until back overhead. Swing arms back down to sides and circle again, flexing other knee to chest. To get the most good from this exercise movement, be sure to keep the small of the back flat against floor, pull up snugly with abdominal muscles and centre the upstretch through the waist and midriff area. Keep backs of wrists on floor throughout circling movement.

This all-purpose exercise improves posture, coaxes shoulders into lovely rounded shape, firms, tones stomach muscles, and gives the waist a cinch. Back it up with the exercise of pulling up on with the arms, and you will be in better shape.



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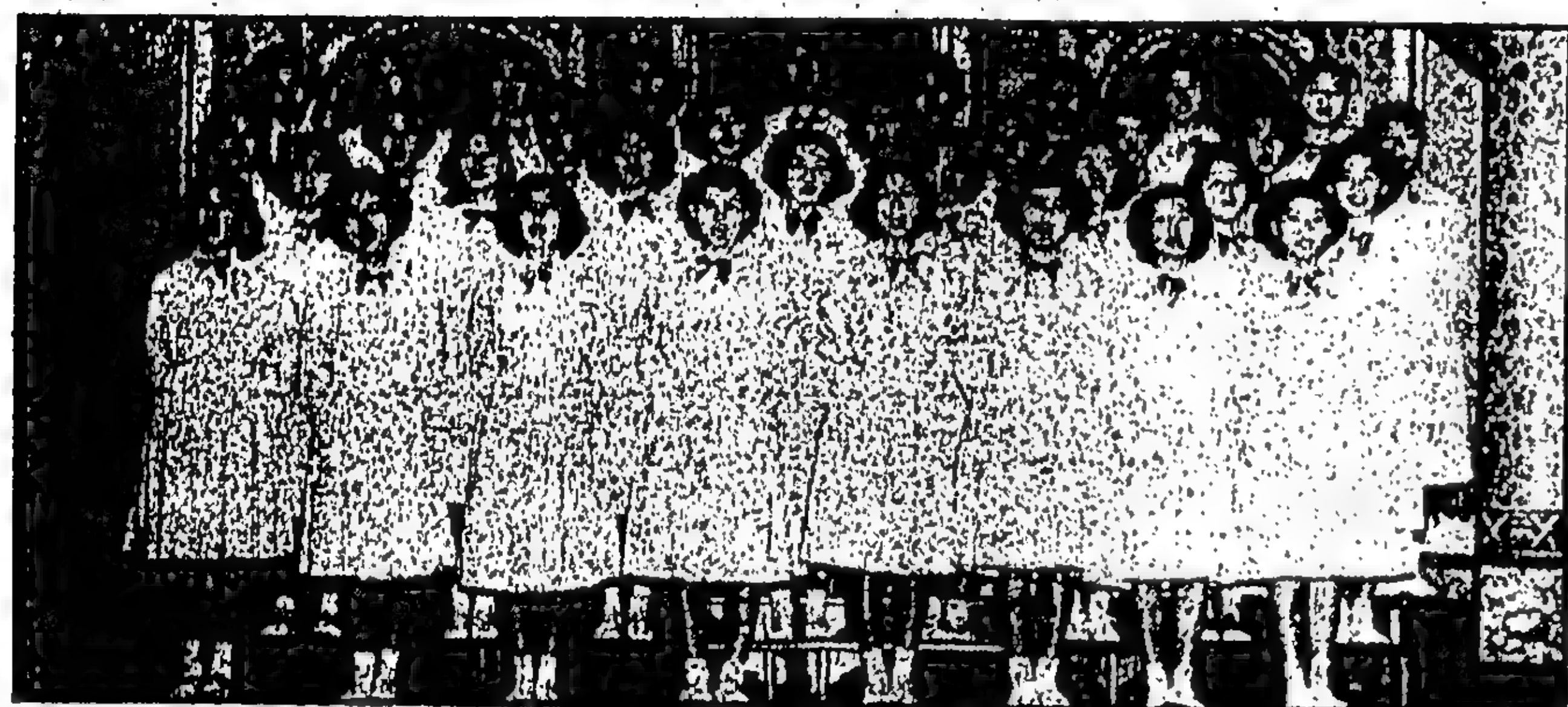
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MR H. C. Menzies, Australian Trade Commissioner, and Mrs Menzies (left) honour a toast at the Australia Day reception held at the Hongkong Club last week. (Staff Photographer)



STUDENTS of the French Convent School singing the School Song at their annual prize day. (Staff Photographer)



A merry group snapped at the annual ball of the Hongkong University Students' Union, held in the Great Hall. (Staff Photographer)

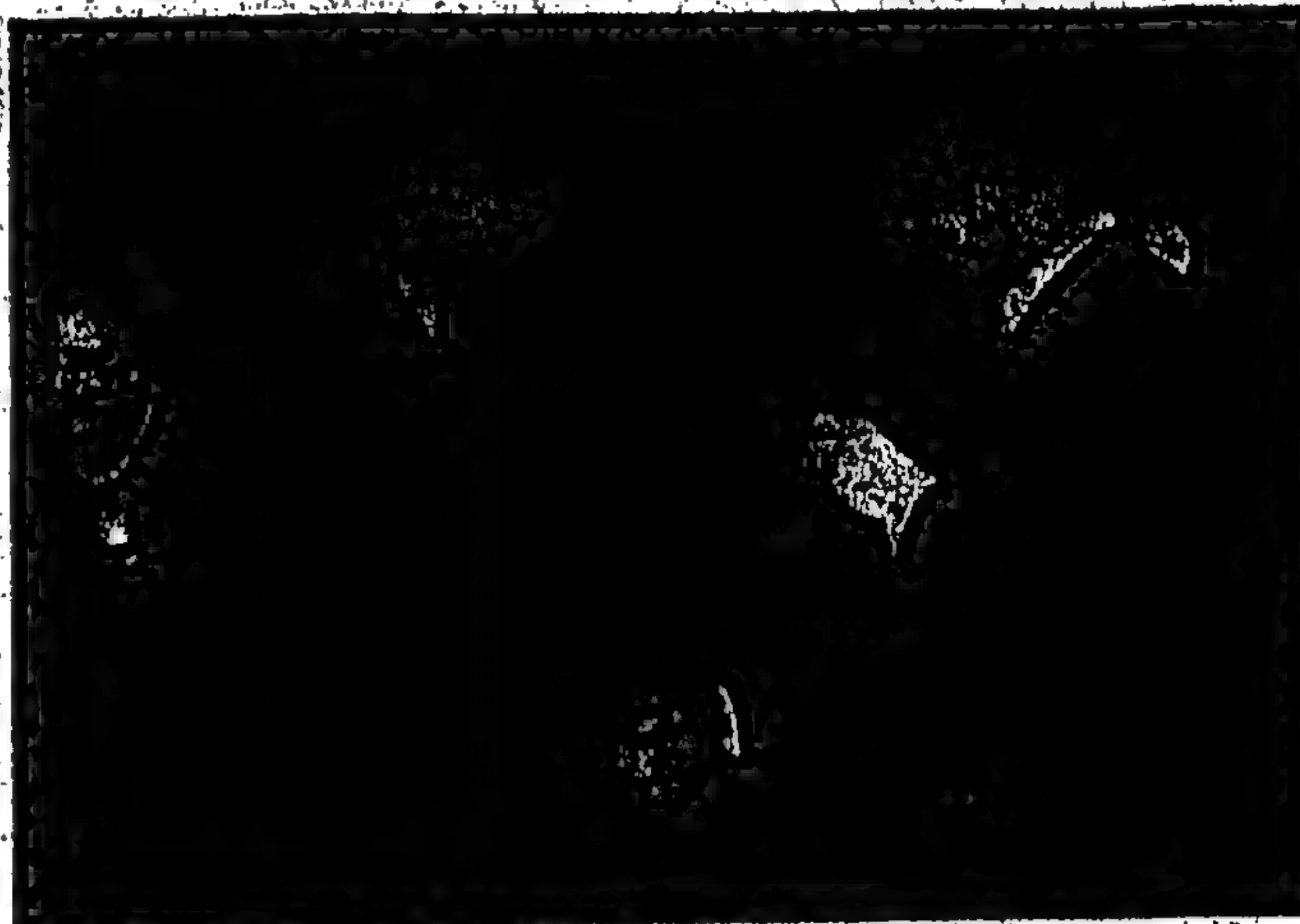
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RIGHT: Last-minute adjustments to a headdress before going on stage during the K'un Ch'u drama night at the Hongkong University Great Hall. The plays were presented under the auspices of the Institute of Oriental Studies and the Chinese Society of the University. (Staff Photographer)

BELOW: Picture taken after the presentation of the Bronze Star Medal by the U.S. Consul-General to Mr. Pierre August LaRoche. From left: Vicomtesse Buxon, Vicomte Jacques de Soreac de Buxon, Mrs. Harrington, Mr. LaRoche, Consul-General Julian Harrington and Mrs. LaRoche. (Staff Photographer)



MR L. C. Gamage (right), Vice-Chairman and Joint Managing Director of the General Electric Co., Ltd. of England, greeting the Hon. C. E. Terry at a cocktail party held at the Hongkong Club last week. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Knock-down and Bengal Lancer deadheaded for first place in the Pearce Memorial Handicap at Happy Valley last Saturday. Picture shows Mrs. Eva Pearce presenting the cup to the owners of the ponies, Mr. A. E. B. de Souza and Mr. L. H. Lal. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Mrs. R. C. Cruddas presenting the individual championship cup to L/Cpl R. B. Ward, of the Army Catering Corps, at the conclusion of the Army catering and cooking competition. (Staff Photographer)



LEAVING the Union Church, Kennedy Road, after their wedding last Saturday are Mr. Heino Hackmack and Miss Rita Schmelter. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Mr. W. Hong Sling, lawn bowls singles champion of the Craighower Cricket Club, receiving the Bradbury Cup from Mrs. N. P. Karanjia. (Staff Photographer)



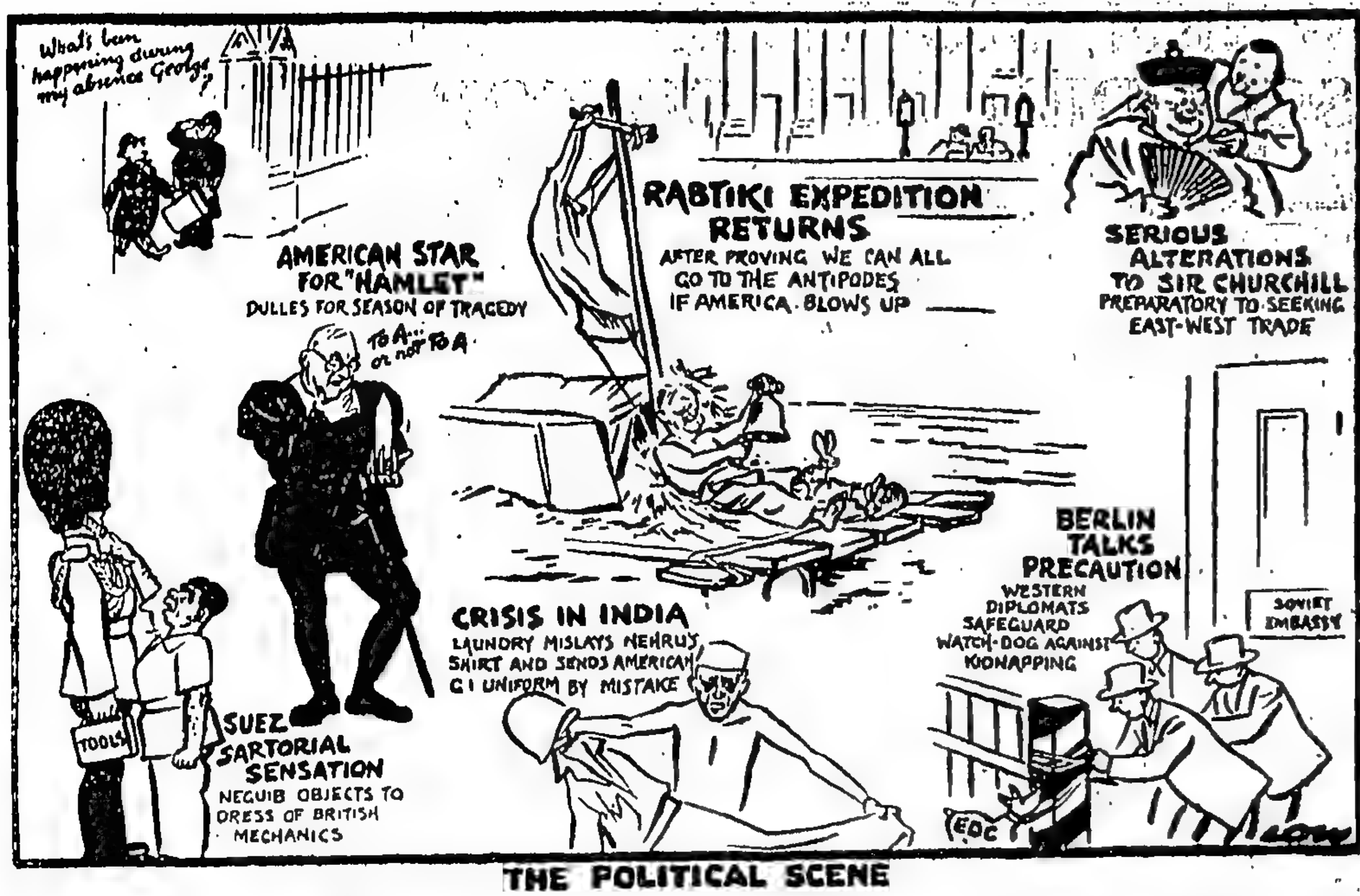
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SIR WINSTON and his FUTURE

by CHARLES WINTOUR

CHURCHILL will accept a peerage very soon. That is the "news" which a member of Parliament gave me, without qualification, one day last week. He quoted imposing authority for his statement.

CHURCHILL will quit as soon as the Queen gets back to England in May. That was another whisper at Westminster I picked up from a junior Minister. Mr. Cyril Osborne, a Tory backbencher, repeated the same story in a public speech.

CHURCHILL will retire in two months. That is the tale also is being discussed avidly wherever politicians gather together.



NOW what is the substance behind all this speculation and rumour?

Has Churchill in fact decided—either on medical advice or for some other reason—to resign his office?

Does he intend to put a term to a career that in its sweep and grandeur, its disasters and recoveries, its follies and triumphs, has no parallel in modern history?

Only Churchill could give a definite answer to such questions. But his character gives a useful clue. He has never excelled at dissimulation.

If Churchill had in fact already made a firm decision to go, it would not be a topic for gossip and guesswork. It would be a matter of common knowledge.

Escape route

ON the other hand it is certainly probable that Churchill is now considering the whole question, weighing up the wisdom of resigning and handing over (subject to the Queen's prerogative) to Mr. Eden.

Already there are many voices urging this course upon him. They are led by the men who made that vain attempt to swing the last election with the cry, "Whose finger on the trigger?"

The best escape route for them would be the departure of the man who exposed the cheap falsity of their immutability, a living rebuke to despotic electioneering.

Of course Churchill will ignore advice from that quarter. He knows what it is worth. He knows why it is given.

But he might pay closer attention to what the machine politicians are saying. Some of them believe that when the new team is formed, the

should be given a chance to make themselves known in their new jobs before the next election.

Churchill might also listen to those who say that Eden, his faithful lieutenant for so long, now 57 years of age and perhaps impatient for authority, deserves a fair start and a good run.

Let one voice at least be raised in protest: DON'T LISTEN TO THEM, SIR WINSTON!

Mr. Eden is making a remarkable physical recovery. The strength of voice in his recent broadcast suggests that he is no longer a sick man. Yet he probably needs a full year before he would be wise to assume the burdens of party leadership and premiership.

Many Tories, of course, put their trust in Mr. Butler. Undoubtedly he is a formidable challenger. But like the young man in "Excelsior" he has taken for himself a banner with a strange device: "GATT is good for you."

It was the Socialists who agreed to GATT. Mr. Butler will not lead the Tory Party to glory by brandishing that tattered banner.

Like Mr. Eden, he too needs more time. Only Churchill can give it him.

Working day

OF course, if it were true that Churchill's doctors advised him to retire, then there would be no alternative but to urge that course upon him. On excellent authority, however, it is reported that they have said he can carry on.

In fact Churchill's working day, beginning around 8.30 a.m. and usually continuing with a rest after lunch, until one in the morning, would be startling enough for a stripling of 60.

Since his illness, his many public appearances have been watched more vigilantly. And Churchill does not give enough

attention to the industrial scene. But here the Premier has disappointed his men with cunning. The two most able and adroit Ministers in the Cabinet—Mr. Butler and Sir Walter Monckton—are in charge, and they command confidence.

Both are well equipped to secure an armistice in this sudden outbreak of industrial "warfare," if the union leaders and the employers are ready to deal.

So why should Churchill feel discouraged by the tally of the years? This is the epoch of Age.

Dr. Adenauer's leadership of West Germany seems to be regarded as absolutely essential by the Americans and indeed by all those who put their faith in a European Army. He is 78.

And there are many other leading politicians in the septuagenarian class: Mr. Attlee, Mr. St. Laurent (Premier of Canada), and Sir Godfrey Hughes (Prime Minister of the Central African Federation), are among them.

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The Two Faces Of Communism

By Dennis Bardens

IN most Western countries there are a handful of sincere people, who believe that Communism is just another political philosophy, compatible with Christianity. These well-meaning people (not always Communists) are anxious to see the best in other countries and other systems (no bad thing, if it does not lead to gullibility), but they get most of their ideas from propaganda disseminated by the Communist parties of the Western countries.

Outside of Russia and her satellites, Communists like to pretend that their creed is not opposed to religion. Inside the Communist bloc the teaching of religion is discouraged, there is interference with the functions of the Church and its social activities, independent-minded priests are dismissed or imprisoned, and State-appointed priests installed in their place. To confuse the population, there is a pretence at toleration while persecution proceeds simultaneously.

No Deviation

In a recent article about anti-religious teaching in schools, Mr. N. G. Darai, a history teacher in a secondary school on the outskirts of Moscow, declared: "Marxist knowledge of religion demands that children be shown: (a) that religion is a by-product of material conditions; (b) that religion and the Church are reactionary, always opposed to progress and incompatible with Communist teachings; and (c) that religion and science are irreconcilable."

Communism has never deviated from the arid materialism of Marx, who said in his "Das Kapital": "The omnipotence of God is nothing but the fantastic reflection of the impotence of men before nature and of the economic relations created by themselves."

Hence the recurrent persecutions of the Church in all Communist countries, and the systematic indoctrination of the young with atheistic ideas. Hence the instructions to young people in the newspaper, *Komsomolskaya Pravda*: "The Party cannot be neutral regarding religion, and it conducts anti-religious propaganda against all religious prejudices." Or again: "A young man cannot be a young Communist unless he is free from religious convictions."

Opposite View

But propagandists in Communist countries, speaking primarily for the benefit of Communists and fellow travellers in the West, express the opposite view. Thus the Czech Minister of Health, Plojhar, told a conference of priests on July 2, 1950: "We do affirm that Communism, Socialism and Christianity have no need to be constantly opposing each other."

In Britain, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the Dean of Canterbury, has said it is "the duty of Christian clergy to participate in the building of a socially just State which believes in brotherhood and collective security for all people of goodwill of all colours, creeds and races." He, it seems, has accepted the "export only" theme that Communism is compatible with Christianity.

Now is it only towards Christianity that Communism shows two faces? A similar duplicity—lip service to religion and freedom coupled with unrelenting persecution—is displayed towards all religions.

For example, it was announced in August 1953 that after an interruption of several years two small groups of Soviet Muslims had left Russia for Mecca and Medina and returned after a month of travelling. The members, carefully chosen, were all Muslims who had in the past expressed themselves in favour of Communism and made statements in support of the Communist-dominated "peace" campaign.

Their journey, therefore, was less a concession to Muslims in the Middle East. They paid a call, even on the Grand Mufti of Egypt, Sheikh Mohammed Mahdoud, who only a few weeks earlier had said publicly: "Russia old and new has always been hostile to Muslims and Islam. Muslims and Christians in Communist Russia have been subjected to murder, exile to Siberia, confiscation of their property and denial of their freedom of worship."

Suppression

"It is an indication of the suppression of Islam in the USSR that whereas there were 7,000 mosques under the Czarist regime, under the Communists this number has dropped to hardly more than 1,000. Nearly 6,000 mosques have, it would seem, either been closed or destroyed. And Radio Moscow has said emphatically: 'The Koran justifies the exploitation of man by man.' Lenin said that the ideas of Allah were a justification of reaction."

This contrasts strangely with the report of the Soviet pilgrims: "During our talks we spoke about the condition of religious life in the Soviet land, about the complete freedom of all faiths, including Islam."

And—stranger still—they reported that "the profound knowledge of the Koran shown by the pilgrims from the Soviet country was duly recognised by our learned listeners." This is surely a strain on one's credulity—profound knowledge of a book stigmatised by the Communist Party of Russia as the mouthpiece of reaction!

The fact is that Communism is implacably opposed to all religion. Pronouncements favourable to it are no more than temporary, opportunist moves in a highly destructive game of chess.



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"Eleven lumps or twelve!"

WHEN MOUNTBATTEN SCOLDED AN EDITOR

HORNED MOON. By Ian Stephens. Chattr and Windus. 21s. 288 pages.

THIS is the book of a man who loves the sub-continent which used to be called India and whose affection for it today, although not less, is mixed with grief and anger.

Mr Stephens was, until two years ago, editor of the British-owned Indian newspaper, The Statesman. He was in India when Britain divided the country and when the Kashmir affair outraged the world.

He knew the outstanding personalities of the drama. He watched hatred and suspicion grow between Pakistan and India. In the end he could stand it no longer. He resigned.

Horned Moon is an account of a journey he made in Pakistan, Kashmir and Afghanistan. It is also an account, with a painful historical interest, of Stephens's response to critical events.

Writing with moderation, as a man who has friends in both camps, but with a firm grasp of right and wrong, Stephens describes the Kashmir tragedy of 1947 as he saw it develop from the first sign of trouble to the moment when a Pathan raid into Kashmir found Nehru's army suspiciously ready.

At this point, the part played by the British Governor-General of India, Lord Mountbatten, became important. Stephens was sympathetic to Mountbatten's radicalism and fair for speed, impressed by his ability.

He was all the more startled by what seemed to him to be Mountbatten's one-sided verdict on events, his wholly pro-Hindu attitude.

Could Mountbatten's pride have been hurt by the Muslim leader Jinnah's refusal to allow him to become Governor-General of Pakistan as well as India? Was he misled by his own Lefschütz leanings?

Scolded Severely
Mountbatten tried to hustle the Statesman's editor into supporting Nehru's "high-minded" acceptance of Kashmir's "accession" to India. He actually suggested that the Statesman should drop its Pakistan circulation altogether.

But Stephens could not overlook the fact that, "as a Hindu Maharajah's choice, but with a British Governor-General's support, 3,000,000 Moslems were to be made Indian citizens." He had the courage to write accordingly.

Mountbatten, pained by such behaviour after all the trouble he had taken to "explain matters," gave him a severe scolding. He found it impossible, he said, to defend Stephens to the Indian Cabinet.

This extraordinary episode, at the very heart of Stephens's story, explains as nothing else could the frustration which colours a deeply interesting, well-informed book about India by a lover of that country.

THE COLOURS OF THE DAY. By Romain Gary. Michael Joseph, 12s. 6d. 217 pages.

It would be a mistake to dismiss this story of 10 days of love and dialectics on the Riviera as just another witty, Southern Arabian.

BOOK OF THE DAY throws light on the tragedy of India

by **GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON**

paradoxical French novel on a subject in which France's supremacy is still unchallenged. It is also a plea, angry, funny and eloquent, addressed to the human race, to be ordinary, to seek happiness, to avoid just causes, holy wars, generalisations; to suspect geniuses, to make love.

Gary pleads a cause that he knows is lost.

On his way to fight in the Far East, his hero, Rainer, ex-airman, ex-idealist, pauses to have a sumptuous love affair with Ann, a film star. How inspired this decision is! How wise he has become! "All the workers on earth would try in vain to build a world that people can achieve in an instant."

Korea Calling

It cannot last. Korea is calling. Once more he allows himself to be robbed of his happiness, to succumb to a "cause." It is something you must do to remain a man.

On the last page, Rainer is killed, with his companion, the Polish Jew, La Marbe, who loves Franco with a hopeless passion. It is he who delivers the most ardent discourse in praise of love and happiness.

"I am the real lover. All the rest are just customers," he says proudly, claiming to have had no dealings with women. Enthusiastic, civilised, a parade of clowns; an allegory of the modern world in terms of delicious farce; a sermon preached by a genius reeling drunk in the pulpit. "The Colours of the Day" is enjoyable exercise for the mind.

THE COAST OF INCENSE. By Freya Stark. Murray. 25s. 287 pages.

BEING a woman touched by the hand of genius, Freya Stark has always found it possible to do what she wanted. And love apart—what she wanted was to see the strange places of the Middle East and meet their people: "I wanted space, distance, history and danger, and I was interested in the living world."

The result has been a life of adventure and a succession of books of high quality and profound interest. This, the latest, takes the story of her life down to the outbreak of war. The book's centre of gravity is the mysterious Hadramaut in Southern Arabia.

PARADE

DISC JOCKEY WITH A HORSE

Twenty-five-year-old Chris Howland, who went to Hamburg as a drummer in the Army of Occupation and stayed after demob, now has an audience of a million.

Not as a drummer though, Howland is a "disc jockey" on Germany's radio—he has just switched from the North German radio to the South German.

How is it that a Briton can hold such an audience? Well, Howland is a disc jockey with a difference—he's got a horse.

Anyway, he says he's got a horse; he calls him Regulus, and German listeners believe so much in him that in their hundreds they send him oats and hay.

At the beginning of the programme they hear the "clap clop" of Regulus's hooves cantering up to the microphone. He clips in with a record he likes—or a neigh when displeased.

STAMMER CURE Stammering tree-trimmer, Bernard Desmarest, 24

cured his stammers in a high tension cable near the village of Honfleur, France.

The high-powered current shot through him shooting sparks in all directions. But it didn't kill him. When he came to, he found his stammer had gone.

WONDER BOY David Bullard, 26-year-old student in America's

Cornell University, arrived in Capetown a few days behind schedule after his seven months' trek overland from Casablanca.

Reason for the delay. When he was passing through the Belgian Congo a group of natives stopped him and asked if he could bring their special delivery back to life.

The god was a German alarm clock which, the natives reported, "had lost his voice."

David cleaned it, oiled it, and started it ticking.

The natives feted him for days.

TOUGH GUYS South Africa's policemen are tough—but the government is beginning to wonder if they're not just a little too tough.

Last year, the state paid out £1,706 in compensation to seven citizens who were beaten up.

PRIEST SPIES? Clerical circles were startled when they learned that a Russian Orthodox chaplain in West Berlin had fled to the Soviet zone.

But the Vatican had an explanation:

He was just a Russian spy with a special mission, they said. And they said they knew that the Russians maintained three seminaries in which they trained "priest spies."

One of the seminaries is allegedly in Estonia, one in Moscow, and one in Tschita, near the Mongolian border.

TOO HEAVY TO GO UPSTAIRS She is quite a problem for Walton-Weybridge urban council. SHE is a perfect specimen, but it takes 12 men to lift her. SHE is about 1,800 years old. But SHE will soon be moving into a new home.

SHE is the Venus di Medici, a distant relative of that other and more famous statue, the Venus de Milo. What is more, she is still sound in limb.

Experts of the British Museum say she is a second century copy of the original Venus di Medici. The ninth Earl of Lincoln brought her to Britain.

SHE stood, until a few years ago, at the head of the bath in the Grotto which was part of the centuries-old Palace of Ostlands.

When the Grotto was demolished to make way for a housing scheme Venus was removed to the council offices at Weybridge. There she stood in the library reading room.

Now building alterations and extension plans at the Venus museum building have raised a problem about Venus's future. The room where she stands is to become the lending department.

"The appropriate position for the statue," said a council report, "would be the museum room on the first floor, but because of her great weight this is not practicable."

So it was decided that Venus, the overweight beauty, must stay on the ground floor in the new reading room.

CUT PRICE The Aga Khan used to play bridge in Egypt for £2 a point. In the good old days, partners there were easy to come by.

Now, General Magill's men have slashed the "lucky" wealthy lady's rate to £1 a point. It is now £1 a point. The Aga Khan is too high for most of his old friends.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

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BY HARRY WEINERT



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SATURDAY SOCCER SPOT

SHOULD A REFEREE TELL?
—HE SHOULD IF IT'S ONLY
TO PREVENT CONFUSION

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

A familiar question down the years has been 'Should a doctor tell?' After an incident in the first game of the Koege Boldklub's tour in the Colony I would like to alter it to 'Should a referee tell...?'

Let me reconstruct the situation for you. The Hongkong boys put in a strong attack down the left wing and as they were cutting in towards the penalty area the referee blew his whistle, stopped play and awarded a free kick to Hongkong.

The ball was placed about six yards outside the penalty area; captain-for-the-day Lee Tai-fai came across from the right wing and fired the ball through a wall of players into the net. For a second or two it looked like a brilliant goal, but cheers were turned into jeers as it was noticed that the referee, Mr Barnett, was ordering the kick to be re-taken.

It was learned after the game that the referee had ordered the kick to be re-taken because there was encroachment within ten yards of the ball before the kick was taken. AND IN THIS THE REFEREE WAS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.

However, and this is where the real interest in the situation arises... even if there had been no encroachment, Lee Tai-fai's fine shot would not have counted as a goal. The decision would have been a goal kick, for the original foul was for obstruction, and the award was an indirect free-kick.

There is no doubt in anyone's mind who saw the game that Lee Tai-fai thought he could score from the award and similarly there is no doubt that the referee did not tell him that he could not score.

Now there is no question of the referee being wrong for he is not compelled to explain his awards to the players, but I believe that it is both helpful and judicious for the referee to tell the players when he awards an indirect free kick. In this particular case it was obvious that the defenders took up position to avert a goal being scored as the result of a direct drive and, what is more, in my opinion Lee Tai-fai still tried to score with his second attempt. Immediately after the game there were varying reactions to the explanations of the incident. Some contended that the players should know enough about

the rules to know what particular award is given. In fairness to the players let me repeat a remark I heard being made by a top member of the local football fraternity: '...I never knew that an indirect free kick could be given outside the penalty area.' After that can one really blame the players if they were confused and uncertain about the incident?

My considered opinion is that the referee could have prevented the confusion—especially in a game like this with all its complex language difficulties—by clearly indicating that he had awarded an indirect free-kick, although again I must emphasise that, according to the book, he was not wrong in not doing so.

ENTER SIR GALAHAD

You may have noticed local press comment on my recent article about the methods used to select the Colony teams to oppose Koege, and you may have noticed too the unexpected 'Sir Galahad' attitude which the commenting columnist adopted. I do not intend to enter into cheap argument, but one or two of the comments need answering. It only because silence might be misconstrued in some quarters.

First of all it would be a careless columnist who wrote from hearsay or who allowed 'shoulder-chips' to influence his judgment, and I can assure you that neither factor played any part in my article. I know the members of the Selection Committee well and I am fully conversant with their significant contributions to local sporting affairs, but that in no way debars me from commenting on their singular or collective judgment or actions.

When one is accused of hurling insults, however, that is a very different matter. Surely the greatest insult the selectors could suffer was contained in the implications of this current defence which suggested that they knew so little about the players in the Colony that some 'expert' or 'experts' who REALLY KNEW THE PLAYERS, had to make out lists of possible selections for their guidance.

My, my, what a far fetched suggestion that the Skippers, the Youngs, the Georges, the Hides, the Wangs and the Woos knew so little about our stars and potential stars that they required to be given neatly prepared lists of two sets of eleven players and nine reserves to guide them in making their choice.

Really, who is trying to fool who? These lists without doubt hid behind them a subtle implication that here were the players who would fill the stadium whether the selectors thought they were the best available players or not.

Herrings dragged across the path do not necessarily destroy the scent and those who are prepared to weigh up the 'pros' and 'cons' of the situation will not be put off by the gallant, but misleading, defence of the methods of the Selection Committee which has now been made.

Last week I said that 'arrangements' have a strange way of boomeranging, and to that I now add that 'pulling the public leg' is an unprofitable action in the long run. This week's Talking Point will explain further what I mean by that remark.

CHINESE SHOULD WIN

The highlight of the weekend programme is the meeting of the Koege Boldklub and the Combined Chinese at the Club Stadium on Sunday. This should be an excellent game and after the successes of our teams in the first two matches I expect to see the Combined Chinese coming out on top. The local side has plenty of skill and experience in the line-up and if Yui Cheuk-yn can recapture his best form he should inspire the side to a clear victory.

If Ka Po-keung and Tong Sheung are still unfit the selectors will be faced with a big problem in deciding which replacements are brought in, but from their extensive experience they should have no very great task in getting the right blend to bring them out on top.

The League programme is restricted to two games today and neither of them can be regarded as top attractions. Eastern will tackle C.A.A. at Caroline Hill and at the same time Navy will be crossing swords with Kwong Wah at the Navy ground at Causeway Bay. Eastern and Kwong Wah look good enough to gather the points in their respective games as both Navy and C.A.A. are going through difficult times.

A game of special interest will take place at the Club Stadium when the footballers of 1st Bn. Dorset Regiment will be in town to tackle the Club for the 'Old Comrades Cup'. This trophy was presented by Messrs A. S. Watson some years ago and was first competed for by Club and the Middlesex Regt.

The Dorsets were invited to take up the challenge after the Middlesex Regt. left the Colony and they are very keen to add this cup to their other sporting trophies. Club are turning out their strongest side, and with Reeves and Longland, the Army and Colony players, to give a touch of steadiness to the soldiers' side a close game is expected.

THIS WEEK'S TALKING POINTS

(1) There is considerable resentment in many places that the All Hongkong side took the field without Ko Po-keung and Tong Sheung. This feeling is not intended as a criticism of the players who took their places, but it is felt that, as stories had circulated for days before the game that neither player was fit to play and suggested that substitutes had in fact been decided upon, an official statement should have been issued by the HKFA as soon as it was known that the players were unfit. Many people feel that it was a cheap ruse to withhold the in-formations and to cash in on the drawing power of the two absent South China stars.

(2) ... when does a player leave the field of play without permission...???

INTERPORT HOCKEY TEAMS



The number 13 proved to be lucky for Macao and the reverse for Hongkong. In the 13th match of the annual Interport hockey series, Macao defeated Hongkong on Thursday by two goals to one.

Shown above are the victorious Macao XI. From left to right are: (back row) Luis Cunha, Fernando Marques, Lourenco Ritchie, Augusto Jorge, Albertino Almeida; (middle row) Herculanio da Rocha, Alexander Alosa, Augusto Cordeiro; (front row) Jose do Rosario, Cesar Capitulo Almada and Armando Basto.

The Hongkong Interport team in the bottom picture are from left to right: (back row) A. L. Nery, S. N. Ponniah, Baghat Singh; (middle row), R. A. Colloco, M. M. J. Petters, T. M. Forde; (front row) C. Anthony, S. A. De Cruz, A. A. dos Remedios, Jr., A. A. Marques and P. Gardner.—China Mail Photos.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Tough Going For Army In
Their Remaining Six
First Division Matches

By "THE ZOMBIE"

Army start on their final and toughest stretch towards the Senior Division Cricket League title when they clash with RAF this afternoon in the first of their six remaining matches.

A decisive win will place them in a more than favourable position in the other five matches, two of which are against the Scorpions, two against the Kowloon Cricket Club and one against the Optimists.

A defeat for Army will, however, bring Scorpions who are 10 points behind within striking distance. In their remaining six matches, the Scorpions are expected to take full points from University in both matches, from Navy and from Craigengower, in which event there is a possibility that the Scorpions may be able to edge out the soldiers at the finish by taking all the points in their two matches against them. Despite their good lead, Army cannot afford to drop a single game against the RAF, KCC and Optimists and will have to show real good form to deserve the Senior Division League Championship.

Once again the airman's chances of upsetting the soldiers will depend on their batting form. In their last meeting the whole RAF side were dismissed for a meagre total of 78 runs. Dowling caused all the damage by accounting for six of the wickets at a cost of 34 runs.

Yet improvement, however, was shown by the airman in their department of the game in their

last two outings. Against Craigengower they chalked up 188 runs for five wickets and against KCC last week-end they ran up the good total of 207 runs for five wickets.

FATAL TO PLAY BACK

If they can reproduce the same batting form there is a more than 50-50 chance of their avenging their earlier defeat. They will have to watch Dowling and have probably by now realised that it is fatal to play back to him.

Both the Scorpions and Recreation, who are at home to Navy and University respectively, should have little difficulty in winning their matches comfortably.

The Craigengower-IRC at Happy Valley will see the two Valley clubs renew a traditional rivalry. Additional interest will be centred on the batting performance of George Souza in this match.

With already an aggregate of 635 runs to his credit and three more matches to go, Souza will

probably not be able to achieve the distinction of scoring a thousand runs in one season in league matches, but has an extremely good chance of passing Dodge's aggregate of just over 700 runs last season.

In the HKCC versus the Rest match last Wednesday and Thursday, Souza compiled 133 runs and if these are included in his aggregate the 1,000 mark in all first class matches is still within his reach.

The result will depend largely on which side, bats first. To give Souza the chance of scoring, Gordon had centred from the left and tried to either get them out within a reasonable time or keep down their rate of scoring.

To give Souza the chance of getting another century, however, they will have to risk the possibility of a draw and claim the optimum conditions of light time andicket by batting first.

For bright and merry cricket the best match of the afternoon will be that between Kowloon Cricket Club and the Optimists at Cox's Road. High scoring should be the feature of this match, and I expect Rory Macpherson to come well into his own as the top provider of fireworks.

TODAY'S GAMES

First Division
RAF v. Army
Scorpions v. Navy
KCC v. Optimists
COC v. IRC
Recreation v. University

Second Division
Army v. RAF
IRC v. KGV School
University v. DBS
Navy v. Dockyard

Tomorrow
Police v. KCC
Police v. KGV School
Police v. KGV School
Police v. KGV School

TODAY'S RUGGER

Pentangular Tournament
Matches At Kai Tak
By "PAK LO"

The main events in this afternoon's rugger take place at Kai Tak where in the second round of the Pentangular Tournament, the Navy play the Club at 3.00 p.m., followed by a game between the RAF and the Police at 4.15 p.m.

The first game should offer some good rugger as most of the Club players have been playing very well lately and if they keep up the form which they are showing they should give the Navy quite a lot of trouble before they are finally subdued by the better team.

The Navy are as usual putting out a good, strong and heavy pack which should win the set and loose scrums, and possibly the lineouts too, as the Club is rather hard put to find someone who can jump and catch at the same time in the lineouts.

Only Douglas shines in this part of the game, and he cannot do everything. Behind the two packs the Club have the better and faster men. Ross and Craig seem to have found their feet at last and should once more start some good moves which only hard tackling will stop.

However, it is in this department that the Navy backs excel and they should be capable of stopping the Club threats. The Navy backs, once they get under way, are not to be sneezed at, but sometimes their passing is poor with the resultant chances being given away to their opponents.

However, I would class them as nearly as good as the Club backs which therefore leaves the winner to be decided upon between the two packs. For this reason the Navy should win as their pack is fitter and faster and follows up much better than the Club's. It should, however, provide a good game with the Navy only increasing a small half time lead in the closing minutes of the game.

POLICE V. RAF

The second game of the afternoon between the Police and the RAF should settle the question of which team will receive the "wooden spoon" and a win for the Police would certainly live up to the interest in the bottom half of the table.

The Police are a very variable quantity. One week they barely lose to the Navy and in the following week or so they lose to teams which are classed as "B" teams, and over which they should have won with ease.

The RAF, who started the season with a burst, have tailed off lately, in fact since Davidson was injured, but now that he is completely fit it is to be hoped that they will once again get down to it and win a few games.

The Police have a strong pack and their only weakness is in their following up, but the three are very much inclined to pass wildly when cornered. The Police tackling can stand some improvement. The idea is to dive at a man's knees, not to hang on to his neck or, worse still, to lie on the ground in his general direction as certain players have been observed to do.

The RAF, whilst also inclined to pass weakly, appear to have a better idea of the game in general than the Police and unless the Police tackle well should win by a small margin.

The Police can always at least be relied upon to keep on trying and they could with a little luck beat the RAF in this game. All in all these games should provide some very close results and should be well worth the long journey.

INTER-UNIT FINAL
Also on the Kowloon side, but this time at the Police Recreation Ground in Boundary Street, there are two games scheduled to be played. The first is a curtain raiser between the Gunners and the Rest at 3.00 p.m. This will be followed at 4.15 p.m. by the Army Inter-Unit Final between the Welch Regt. and the 72nd Light AA.

This should be a first class game with the Welch starting as the strong favourites. The Welch Regt. have the better forwards and this fact should give their backs every chance to succeed, but in the 72nd they may meet their match as the 72nd backs are not only faster but by far the better players.

Should the 72nd LAA pack hold the Welch back, the 72nd will stand a very good chance of emerging the victors, but the Welch pack's superiority should see the latter win.

The Inter-Unit Cup will be presented by the GOC, Major-General R. C. Cradock, and will probably be handed to the Welch Regiment.

The Gunners versus the Rest game should provide some interesting rugger and the Gunners will probably win by a small margin.

THE TEAMS

Club: Kirkwood, Ewart, Watson, Terville, Roberts, Rank, Craig, Pettie, Russell, Barker, Douglas, Hargreaves, Lambert, Farquharson, E. Russell.

Navy: Crosbie, Harris, Davies, Moore, Lloyd, Smith, Reading, Parsley, Owen, Woodall, Hall, Charlack, Robertson, Annahdale, Wileky.

Police: Brearley, McIlven, Scott, Russell, Craig, Hall, Lollitt, Perry, Dirkin, Clark, Shelley, Harris, Bryan, Carpenter, McDonnell.

RAF: Davidson, Balderston, McKenzie, Gammon, Parker, Gibbons, Milton, Davis, Chatterton, McDonnell, Griffiths, Brightwell, Edwards, Brown, Southwell.

How Arsenal Was Humbled
By Norwich City

When Arsenal scored at Highbury a minute after half-time, Logie, from a position of no apparent danger 20 yards out, suddenly pivoting and driving the ball into the left-hand corner of the net, this match appeared to be over, writes a football correspondent of the London Observer.

Norwich had fought with robust spirit, but they seemed to lack speed on the wings and the ability to cut their openings sharp enough in the centre.

Arsenal make a habit of these indifferent starts and very often proceed to score half a dozen goals before they are through. Within 10 minutes, however, Gordon had centred from the left and Johnstone had headed the ball very deliberately wide of Kelsey's left hand.

Arsenal still looked the more likely side, if mainly because of very poor rather than actual firepower of their forwards. The Norwich backs, Lewis and Morgan, tackled like tigers, and the wing halves, Ashman and McCowan, hurled themselves about the field with a disregard for their own safety that was truly Oriental in its fatalism.

NO THREAT

Foulkes, at centre-half, gave Holton so little change that the Arsenal centre was almost neutralised. The Arsenal left wing did not develop and held no subsequent threat whatsoever. Logie and Milton, though they had lost much of their earlier promise, nevertheless still produced a few touches that made one think style would eventually tell.

But with a quarter of an hour to go, Gavin, the Norwich left wing, seemed over to the right touchline, picked up a back-headed pass from Gordon, and as his centre swung towards goal, Johnson, Arsenal's left half, and most threatening back,

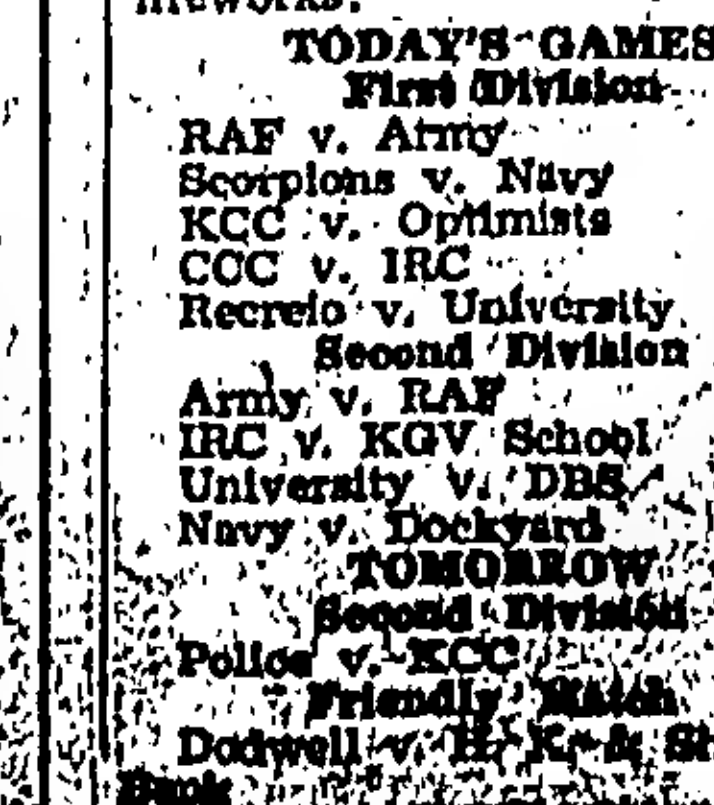
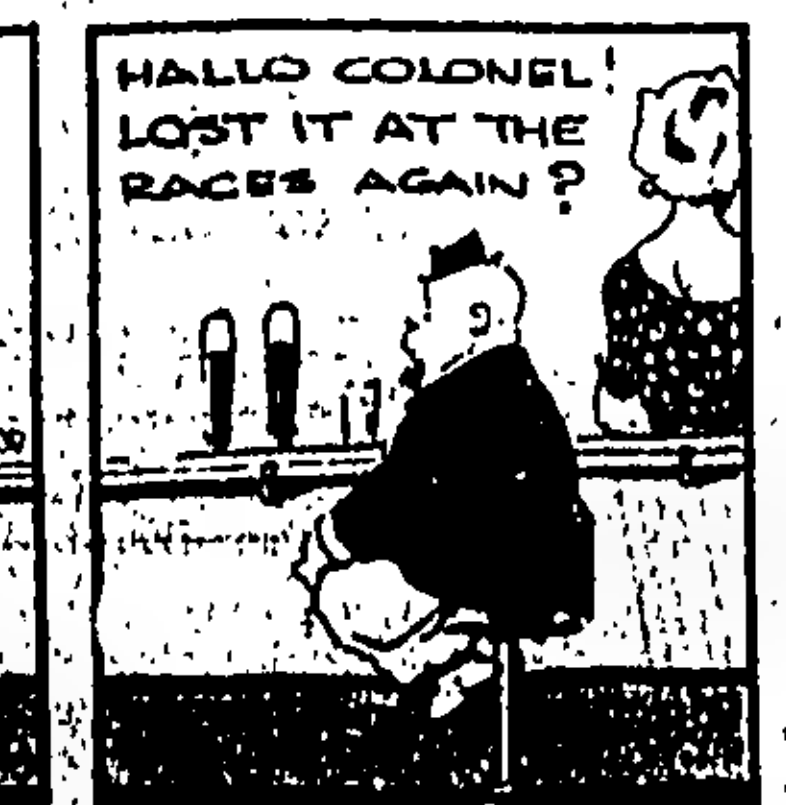
ed the ball at tremendous speed beyond Kelsey's grasp. This was the header of a lifetime. For the closing 15 minutes Arsenal played for the first time as if they envisaged not winning. Attack after attack was made, but each spot and there were a great many, was blocked by a Norwich defender flinging himself into the line of flight. Their courage was heroic.

Two minutes from the end a shot curled out of Oxford's hands in goal, and was cleared only a foot from the line. A minute later, Oxford, whose fielding and anticipation had been superb, went down full length to a cracking shot from Milton, and incredibly, Norwich, to cheering, returned the ball to Arsenal's centre, who then scored a second goal.

The first half was not without incident. In the second minute Johnson neatly deflected the ball past Davidson, and both Norwich inside forwards were racing through with only a few yards to go when Davidson tripped and, though he was badly hurt, shot weakly into the stomach.

After half an hour, the game was still very much in the air. The Arsenal left wing, which was different from the one that began to develop in the second half, was still very much in the air. The Arsenal left wing, which was different from the one that began to develop in the second half, was still very much in the air.

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WEEK-END SOFTBALL

ORCA MEET CAA TOMORROW
IN ONE OF THE CRUCIAL
GAMES OF THE SEASON

By "SNOOPER"

Bill Williams' USS Orca's clear-cut 6-3 victory over Jindoo Hussain's Saints last week has stamped the gobs as worthy favourites to beat Frank Poon's Chinese Athletic Association in the feature Senior "A" League softball tussle tomorrow at King's Park.

The CAA ballplayers, who had to struggle against South China last week-end to secure a point, are currently tied with the Saints with two losses and Sunday's clash against the Orca can be regarded as one of the crucial games of the season.

After hope-dashing defeats by the Braves and then lowly South China, the CAA ballplayers won two vital games over Jackie Wei's Pandas with some brilliant infield play which rekindled their hopes of the pennant.

One thing is certain: the CAA can look forward to Sunday's game with confidence and in-felders C. M. Tsang, Seldon Ma and pitcher P. C. Wong are players of high calibre who can always be counted on for a good performance.

HOW THEY STAND

	P.	W.	L.	Avg.
Saints	9	7	2	7.77
CAA	9	7	2	7.77
Pandas	9	0	3	0.00
Braves	8	4	4	5.00
US Navy	10	5	5	5.00
Warriors	9	4	5	4.44
SCAA	9	2	7	2.22
Roxes	9	1	8	1.11

With almost their entire squad of ballplayers set for action, the highly-established reputation of the Orca may overawe the CAA in the all-important encounter. It should develop into a profligate hitting game and slugging acts like Bill Williams, Bill Stell, Jim Linville, Ralph Kvidera, Roy Kingsbury and Donald Chambers are expected to give moundman P. C. Wong some anxious moments.

BEST RECORD

The sailors, who are a perfectly-coached team in both batting and fielding, have the best record to date and are determined to maintain their superiority over the leading local side. Their only setback came early in the season when the Pandas trimmed them in one of the tinnest games, but from then onward, the gobs have beaten the best teams in the Colony and should go further ahead on the strength of their most impressive displays recently.

The Orca should finish the game with at least six hits, but whether these hits can be turned to good account remains to be seen. Runs and not hits count in a game and while the CAA batters cannot hope to match their opposition in hitting the ball over the fence, they are expected to either bunt or hit singles which should be sufficient to earn them a victory.

The excellent pitching of Ray Willingham of the Orca should help the sailors maintain their interest will be centred on the batting showing of C. M. Tsang who stands a very good chance of winning the Senior "A" Batting Championship.

Two Braves' sluggers will have an interest in this game. They are southpaw Bill

Diaber and first baseman Carlos Yvanovich of the Braves who are currently placed among the top three in the batting race.

Third baseman Bill Williams could not have staged a more dramatic hitting exhibition than he did against the Saints last week-end. All in all, he must have established a record for over-the-fence-hits at King's Park, and should be able to hold his good luck, softball fans should once again be treated to Williams' excellent batting.

Williams has my vote for the Most Valuable Player award this season. His defensive play at third has been the feature of the Orca games and as a leader of a fine ball team he has perhaps no equal.

In pitcher Ray Willingham, the Orca have one of the best moundmen in town. Among the many fine performances credited to him the main honours were gained against both the Braves and the Saints.

The Orca may not be able to field catcher Bob Hall against the Chinese Athletic Association but there is no doubt that Ralph Kvidera was a good substitute last week. Others who should see action are first baseman Bill Stell, second baseman Willie Mayes, shortstop Roy Kingsbury, outfielders Jim Linville, Leroy Zimmerman and Donald Chambers.

INFIELD WEAKNESS

The most striking thing about the Saints' display against the Orca was the number of infield errors recorded against catcher Igmur Erickson, first baseman Ray Aldegar and second baseman Arturo Ozorio. The Warriors, trying to upset the Saints, would be wise to study the play of these players—if only to get a guide as to what to look for in their Sunday morning game commencing at 11 a.m.

Although badly beaten by the Braves, the Warriors gave the Saints a rude shock in the first round encounter, going down narrowly by 2-1 and Alfredo and his boys will make the return visit to King's Park determined to avenge their defeat.

The Warriors' battery, in all likelihood, will be pitcher Joey Franco and catcher Cuscut Souza. I regard pitcher Vic Pedruco and catcher Igmur Erickson, who started in the game against the Orca, as certainties to face the Warriors' heavy hitters, who include Johnny Perera, Peter Hahn and Cuscut Souza.

This will be a vital game for the Saints who cannot afford to drop another point in their quest to regain the Pennant. Although the Warriors are a team to be reckoned with, lack of leadership and poor coaching may contribute to their downfall tomorrow.

In the third game of the day, manager Ed Carvalho's champion Braves should not have trouble against the Rexes who conceded a walkover to the Pandas last week-end. The Braves-Pandas game, originally scheduled for this Sunday, has been postponed.

IMPROVED DISPLAY

Virgil Ribeiro's Wahoes "B" have been playing good ball and should beat the Chinese Athletic Association in good style. The CAA girls do not seem to be able to recover the form which enabled them to extend South China in an early season game and against the Wahoes "B" in the return tussle they will have a difficult task of winning.

The Wahoes "B"-CAA clash will be the last game in the Ladies' League and all teams will now await the play-off Series to start some time this month.

Three teams—Terry Noronha's Wahoes "A", Dolly Norman's Pandas and Pearl Chan's Pandas—will figure in the Seniors while the Wahoes "B", South China and the CAA meet in the Juniors. The Championship will be decided on a two-round basis.

HOW THEY STAND

	P.	W.	L.	Avg.
Wahoes "A"	10	9	1	.900
Pandas	10	9	1	.900
Collects	10	6	4	.600
Wahoes "B"	9	3	6	.333
SCAA	10	3	7	.300
CAA	9	0	9	.000

BEST GAME

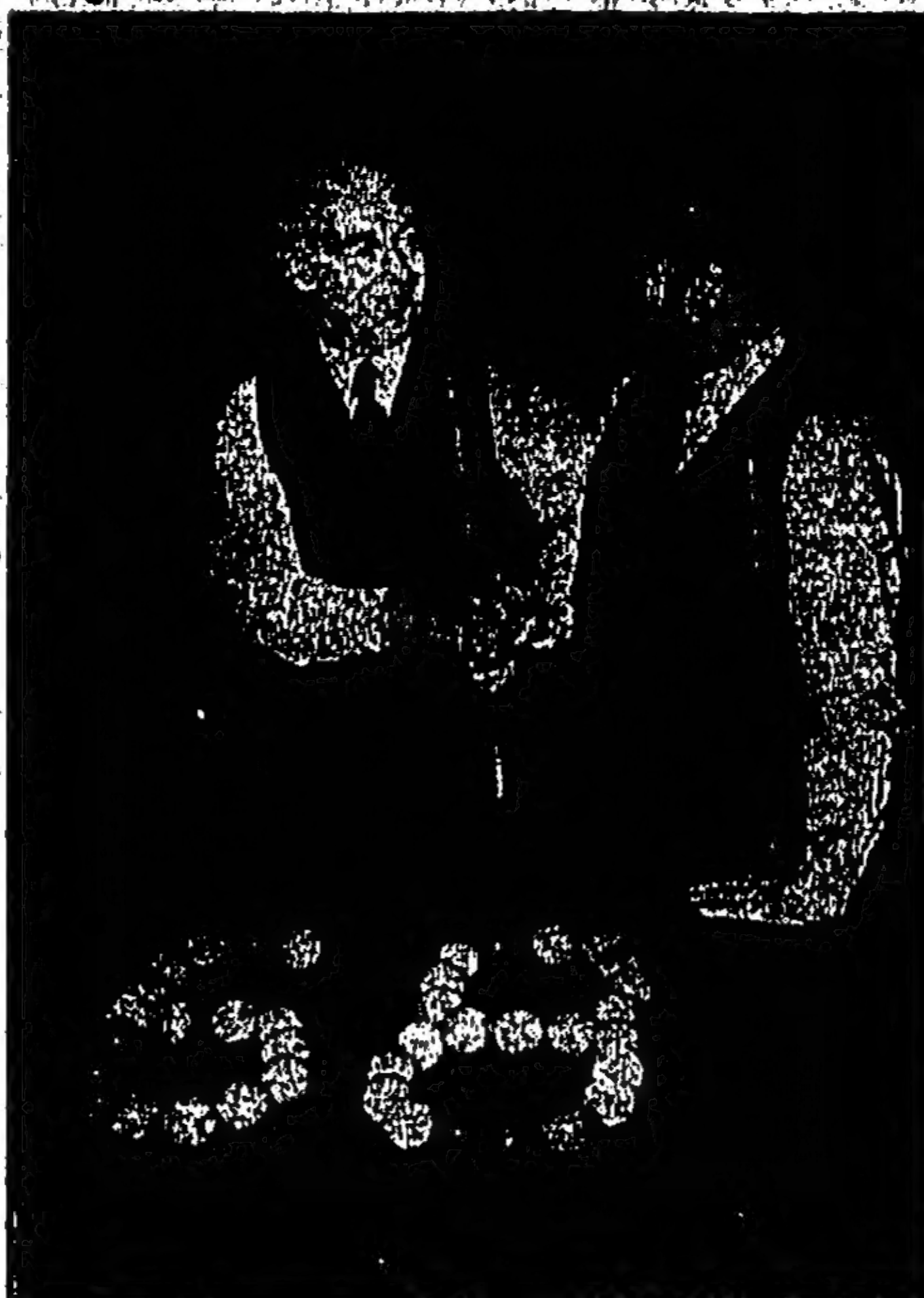
Following the Chinese New Year holiday softball, today ushers in the best game in the Junior League when the Cubs tangle with the Maumaus.

The Chinese Athletic Association first team, who sustained their first reversal at the hands of the Pandas last week, will be idle this week, but the Pennant-conscious Pandas are billed to play the 25 Gunners in the curtain raiser. The Pandas, who have revealed definite signs of ability, are strongly favoured to collect maximum points.

Fred Diesta's PI Dodgers, who are capable of beating the CAA (1) and the Pandas, should experience little difficulty in subduing the Chinese Athletic Association second team in the second game.

The Americans-PI Dodgers game in the Senior "B" League has been postponed. A much-improved Hongkong University outfit are entitled to some respect after their good showing last Saturday and the Wildfords should not underestimate the underdogs in the only Senior "B" game of the week-end. This game is scheduled for 9.30 a.m. tomorrow.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS



Willie Smith, the billiards and snooker veteran, who celebrated his 68th birthday on January 25, being congratulated by Joe Davis before the start of their billiards and snooker match at Leicester Square Hall.—Central Press Photo.

Sports Prima Donnas?
—You Can Have Them

Says GEORGE WHITING

As one who still, after all these years, feels slightly sick watching soccer players kiss each other after scoring goals—or supplanting skywards when the referee rules against them—I note with alarm the news of alleged tantrums and temperamental among Test cricketers in the West Indies.

Heaven preserve the noble game of Grace and Hobbs from the cavortings of cry-babies and the yapping of men of small minds.

Sentiment in sport is a fine thing—in moderation. Let us applaud the cricketers who, Hutton-inspired, signalled the reappearance of the majestic George Headley in Test matches by spreading themselves spoke-wise to the boundaries and "presenting" him with a single.

Admire, too, the gesture of that Paris University Club captain who dispensed with the toss and accorded Harlequins choice of ends.

But sporting sentiment should never descend to slop—or hysteria. The picture of two England fielders embracing each other in full view of the Oval public still mars my memory of that historic Test win over Australia last summer. Gloved glances should be the prerogative of spectators, not players.

At the other end of the temperamental scale, I have no time for the fever-heated footballer who demonstrates to the crowd his adverse opinion of a referee; for the cocksure bowler who grinds his heels in the pitch when an umpire turns down an appeal; or for the professional golfer who snaps his putter over his knee when, through nobody's fault but his own, a short putt stays out.

And you can keep that soccer XI that walked off the field because of a disputed goal in one of this season's Cup-ties.

ALEC BEDSER EXPLAINS

"Why I Am Not On The West Indies Tour"

I have been asked so many times recently why I am not in the West Indies touring with the MCC that I feel some explanation would not be out of place.

Long before the names of the players were announced I had several consultations with the leading officials of the MCC and I would like to stress here and now that I could not have had a more sympathetic or considerate hearing. They readily saw the points of my argument against touring.

These, briefly, were:—

1. At the end of 1953 season I was an excessively tired man, much in need of a rest from cricket.

2. If I went to the West Indies I felt I might not be fit to go to Australia in 1954-5 (Please do not think that I am pre-selecting myself, but I had to bear that possibility in mind.) Nor do I make any secret of the fact that I love Australia—with perhaps the exception of the pitch at the Adelaide Oval. It is certainly my ambition to return Down Under for my third tour.

3. I also had to think of my allegiance to Surrey, my County. A third tour of the West Indies might reduce my effectiveness for Surrey in 1954 and under Stuart Surridge's enthusiastic leadership we hope and expect to pull off the Championship for the third time in succession and make it a hat-trick of successes.

It all adds up to this—I was badly in need of a rest from bowling and I had to think of

the future. To refuse a tour in a part of the world I have never visited was a hard decision. But I had to make it.

Many of my friends have said to me and I have read the same view in the press:—"Granted you need a rest, but you could play only in the Tests and a few of the big Colony matches. The rest of the time you would be spending in luxury. Millions are paid hundreds of pounds for the privilege which you are turning down. Moreover the tour lasts only between three and four months."

This point of view overlooks several serious factors. I do not believe the tropical sun does all that good to a professional athlete. One of the best change bowlers the West Indies ever had in their islands was the Sun. He is still getting his victims.

REVITALISING

I think a winter in the invigorating freshness of England is good for the blood and restful for the heart and brain. For me it has the effect of revitalising my outlook.

On tour no single member of a party can pick and choose his matches. It would be grossly unfair to the other members of the party. Nor could I expect to keep in the peak of fitness unless I was continually bowling. I reckon it takes me about eight matches to reach my best form and physical fitness. To maintain it I have to keep bowling whether in matches or in the ideal method, or at the nets.

A fast bowler cannot allow himself to rust up with inactivity. Therefore if I played in only the five Tests in the West Indies I am afraid I would not be able to pull my weight in the team.

One critic suggested that as Pakistan, alleged to be one of the weaker international teams, were next summer's tourists in England I would be able to take it easy—or at least easier. This is a complete fallacy.

Believe me, whether the tourists are from Pakistan or from Australia I still have to bowl more or less the same number of overs during the season.

If I am dropped from the England side as I was in 1947 I still have to trundle them down

for Surrey. And it matters not to me who the batsman is at the other end—he still has to be bowled out!

STRONG OPPOSITION

And from what I can gather from colleagues who toured India with the MCC in 1951-52, Pakistan must be accepted seriously as really strong opposition.

Pakistan have some very fine cricketers who have, I feel, been coached by London—therefore having invaluable experience of English conditions—by my old England and Surrey teammate Alf Gover.

The last season, in England involved me in an exceptionally heavy programme. Not only was there the strain of the Tests but there was Surrey's Championship fight. Towards the end of the season every Surrey match became a miniature Test.

On top of these games came the organisation of my benefit. Though I was fortunate in having an excellent committee to do all the main chores connected with the benefit I obviously had to make many decisions, many personal appearances and so on.

I was happy to do so, but it all added to the strain. A professional cricketer looks forward to his benefit season and is more than ever determined to do well. It means worry and extra work.

In a normal English season I estimate that I travel 187 miles merely walking back to my bowling mark and running up to the crease to deliver the ball. This does not take into account the energy I put into my actual delivery and follow-through. So what with fielding and a little batting I cover a good few miles during the course of a summer.

Please believe me when I write that my decision to stay at home rather than go to the West Indies was not for personal or selfish reasons. It was prompted by only one desire—to do the right thing by English cricket. I cannot go on tour with the idea of playing at half-cock in some games and all out in others. It just would not work.

I hope you think my decision was the right one.

My Best Golf Shot

NO. 4 WOOD
EARNED
REES £400

Ryder Cup player Dal Rees (South Herts) tells of a 2400 shot at Wentworth in June which helped to put him among the season's top money winners. He ranks it as one of his best.

If two of the Ryder Cup men had hit similar shots in the international contest a few months later, Britain would have won the Cup.

BURMA ROAD

Said Rees: "Coming to the last hole of the Wentworth West course, part of the Burma Road (which often wrecks good scores, I had to get a four to head the tournament.

"Ryder Cup spectators know that this dog-leg hole calls for a very accurate second shot to find the heart of the well-bunkered green."

"From a fair drive, my ball was in a 'caddy' lie, faced with a distance of around 230-240 yards, I decided to play a No. 4 wood."

SAFELY HOME

"I hit the ball truly, and it landed 15 feet behind the flag. Two putts put me safely home. The four gave me a one-stroke lead to secure the £400 first prize."

"My favourite shot is with the 4 wood. How do I play it? Ball first inside the left heel, a slightly open stance. After a good hip turn, I give the ball a good 120 on a firm back, the ball is in the air, and the shot is made."

—James Goodfellow
London Importer, Porters.

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Saturday, 13th February 1954.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.

The Secretary's office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

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All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

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PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each payable at the Gate. Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

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The cost of a Through Ticket is \$16.00. Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not sold by 10 a.m. on Friday, 12th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

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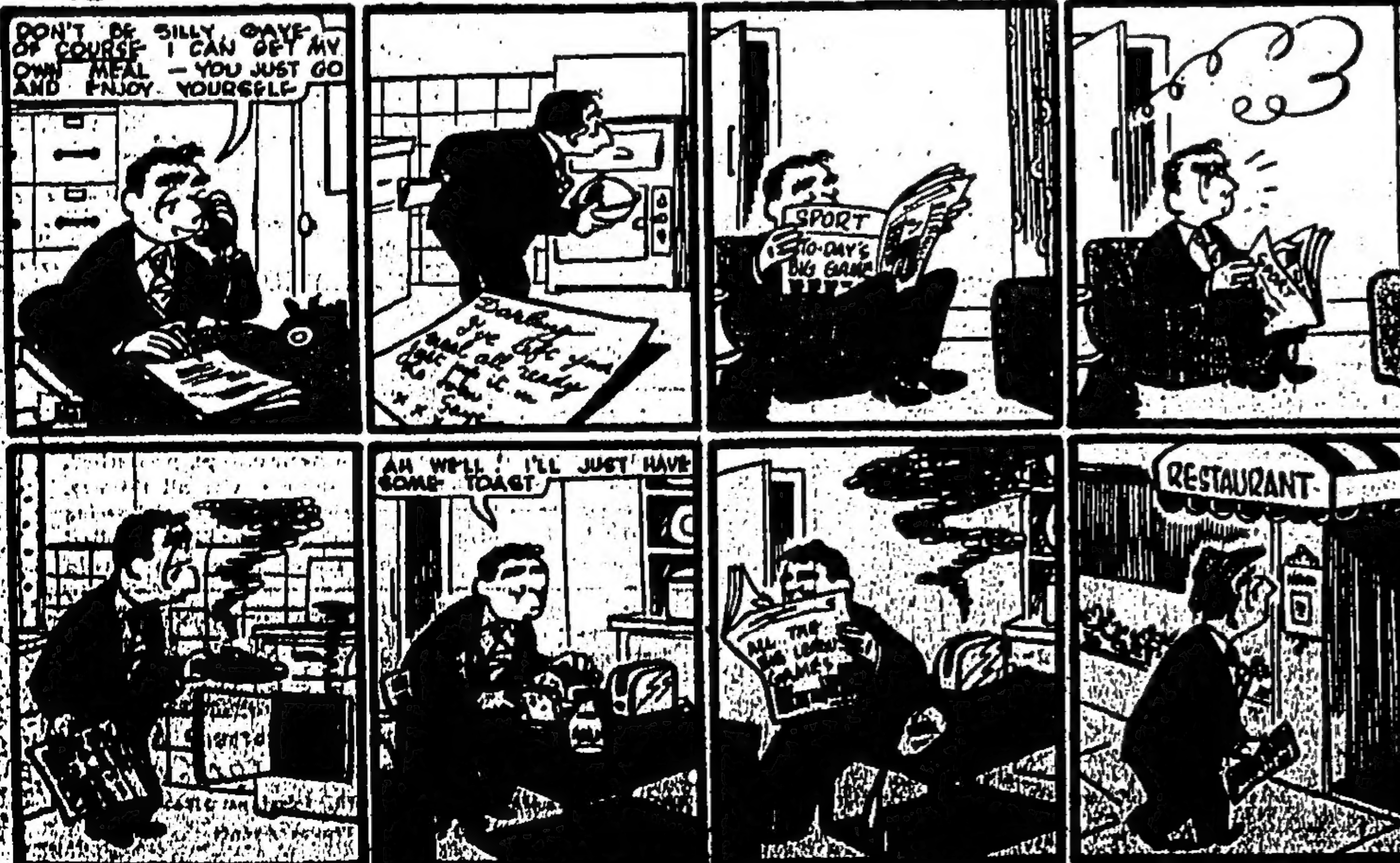
Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "sell clear" signal has been exhibited.

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THE WEEK-END GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby



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Stories From History:

How French Cavalry Captured Dutch Fleet

By LEE PRIESTLEY

THAT January day in 1795 was just like the cold uncomfortable days that had gone before it. Lieutenant Colonel Lahure thought as he marched with his men to the north of Holland. There was nothing about the day to tell the good Frenchman that he was about to accomplish one of the most remarkable feats of history.

The French had been victorious in one of the innumerable wars between France and

happily set all his men to collecting farm carts. He bundled his Hussars off their horses and into the lumbering vehicles along with one company of infantry. The cavalry horses were hitched to the carts and to the two guns. Then they struck out across the slippery ice.

Falling, sliding, scooting, the French surrounded the sleeping ships. Then the French officer called to the Dutch admiral, commanding him to surrender. Around the ships the soldiers and Hussars roared commands and orders as if they were a large army. The sleepy Dutchmen surrendered before they took time to rub the sleep from their eyes.

It was probably the only time in history that cavalry captured an entire squadron of ships without firing a shot.



Lt. Col. Lahure's men set off across the slippery ice.

Holland. Lieutenant Colonel Lahure had entered Amsterdam at the head of a force of three infantry battalions, one squadron of Hussars, and two light guns. But he was not to lead his men to the north of Holland and so missed the celebration of victory. How could one achieve glory slogging through the mud and the early morning gloom along the Dutch coast?

Then a blanketing party brought news that the small force into instant action. A Dutch squadron of 14 ships lay just off shore between Helder and the Isle of Texel, firmly embedded in heavy ice. Sure that no enemy ships could get at them, the Dutch sailors lay snugly asleep in their ships.

Lieutenant Colonel Lahure

Clever Stunts To Do

WHEN you draw faces or figures do you have trouble drawing the right and left side of the picture alike? For instance, does one side of the head look flat; is one ear higher than the other; does one eye look queer? Here's how to make both sides look alike.

Use a thin drawing paper for your picture and draw only half of the figure—either the right or left side, as in figure A. Fold the paper in the centre of the picture as shown by the dotted line in figure A. Place the folded paper against a window glass, and the light through the glass will show the part you have drawn. Trace the other half. Open the paper out and there is your picture, alike on both sides.

Drawing like this is fun, and you can learn to draw many characters that you see in your

ZOO'S WHO



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JAPAN WANTS FAR EAST ALLIANCE

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Biscuits For Anton

THE chef was stopped as he came out of the restaurant near the Easton Road. "What's that parcel sticking from your pocket?" he was asked.

"Just some biscuits for my supper," he said. "Though he has been in Britain since the war left him with no home country to return to, there are still some English letter-sounds that defeat the chef."

"Let's see," the questioner demanded.

The chef, whose name was Anton, pulled out a crumpled package in which were five chocolate biscuits, some plain biscuits, and six ounces of cheese, the evening meal he had planned for himself to save cooking postage—4s. 6d. worth of his employer's food.

DESPAIR
NEXT morning, at the Clemen-

well court, before Mr. F.H. Powell, Anton, a middle-aged man with a bushy face and Spanish eyes, pleaded guilty to stealing the food.

He looked round the courtroom with a kind of despair, as if he were expecting the worst, whatever the worst might be. Things had never gone well for him for long, since he was obliged to make his home there.

There was his marriage, first, to an English girl. She seemed to possess all the virtues, and Anton enjoyed the sweetness of settling up a home again, after the long homeless years. Then one day the police called, and took his wife away. "We want her for bigamy," they said.

ANOTHER CHANCE, BUT...
Anton resumed the bachelor life. He bought a radio set to keep his company, but presently found he could not keep up the hire-purchase payments on it.

He sold the set, not comprehending it was not yet his to sell. He was charged with stealing it. But now, the police said to Mr. Powell of that, "I don't think he did understand he was doing wrong."

"This man," the officer went on, "has been five years in his present job. His pay was £7 a week. He has lost the job now, but the staff manager is here and would like to speak to you."

The staff manager came forward a dark-haired young man, who said in a strange accent, too: "I would like this man to be given another chance, but not by me."

THE GOOD STREAK
"YOU have been foolish, haven't you?" Mr. Powell said to Anton.

"Yes," said Anton. "But the other week when the governor gave me £8 pay by mistake I gave him £1 back. I didn't keep it. He never knew I did."

"Is that so?" Mr. Powell inquired of the staff manager.

"It is so," he replied, as if the fact were unimportant.

"Don't you think that shows he has a good streak in him?" Mr. Powell asked. "Wouldn't it be to give him another chance? Being a foreigner he may not find it easy to get another job."

"I'd like him to have a good chance," the young man said, "a good chance in some other place."

Economic & Military Pact Against Reds

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 5. The Japanese Minister to Washington, Mr. Ryuji Takeuchi today called for an economic and military alliance of democratic Far Eastern nations against Communism.

He was speaking at a meeting of the Council of World Affairs, a private body. This co-operative action should include practical planning of regional economic development, the formation of agreements to expand trade, the construction of a mutual defence system and exchange of ideas and knowledge.

"All these objectives cannot be accomplished in a few months or even a few years," he said, "but a start could — and should — be made now."

Regional co-operation was essential if democracy was to survive in Asia, he said.

Stressing a particular need for economic relationship to combat Communism, Mr. Takeuchi said Japan was prepared to participate as a dependable member of the community of Asian nations.

But except for the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East "no real attempt has

been made to co-ordinate the efforts of the Asian nations for economic development".

The Japanese people, he said, had learned that co-operation may not be imposed by force and that attempts at domination could only lead to defeat.

"Japan had already made this tragic mistake and will not repeat it," he said.

"My country has embraced democracy and is ready to co-operate in any possible way towards the establishment of political stability in the democratic tradition in the Far East."

LONG TERM CREDIT
The Minister said Japan was prepared to assist in the economic advancement of other free Eastern nations by extending long term credit arrangements upon the heavy equipment they needed for development and was willing to exploit investment capital within her limited capacity.

The Western democracies, he suggested, could be most helpful if they provided essential integrated plan designed to meet the needs of the entire region.

"We are particularly anxious to sit down with the other nations of Asia to work out multilateral agreements to free international trade from the many shackles which have prevented a heavy expansion in the exchange of products," he said.

"Relaxation of quantitative limitations upon imports and exports could be discussed and agreed upon."

"Recognizing that foreign exchange payment difficulties and capital shortages have an inhibitory effect upon commercial intercourse and economic development, Japan would like to explore the possibilities of some kind of multilateral payments arrangement or a capital pooling system."

SERIOUS OBSTACLES
Mr. Takeuchi said a number of serious obstacles would have to be overcome before Japan would take a full part in the new Orient.

He noted Japan's postwar situation was far from complete and that friendly relations had yet to be established with many of her neighbours.

Reparations for war damage was a "particularly knotty problem," he said, but Japan was aware of the importance of a solution and was determined to solve it.

"Another sore point in Japan's foreign relations in Asia is the present difficulty with the Republic of Korea," the Minister said.

"So far negotiations for the establishment of normal intercourse have failed, and the situation, rather than improving, has deteriorated."

"Some of the obstacles would seem to be more technical and emotional than real. Patient and understanding efforts on both sides should be exerted to overcome them."

On Japan's rearmament, Mr. Takeuchi said the opponents of rearmament had advanced "cogent and convincing" reasons why the nation should not assume the burden of supporting military forces, but he believed the majority of the Japanese people realised that they were obliged to maintain their own independence and do all within their capabilities to preserve their homeland from invasion.

"The important thing for the American public to understand is that the question of Japan's rearmament is a matter which must be decided by the people of Japan," he said. The Japanese people need, and will take, time in making up their minds on this vital question—United Press.

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Bobo Weighs 5 lbs



In the very-lightweight category is this 11-week-old Pekinese Bobo, tipping the scale at five pounds at the Pekingese Club's open show in London recently. Bobo is owned by Mrs. I. French of Woodgrange Drive, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

Randwick Races And Surf Carnival At Bondi For The Queen

Sydney, Feb. 6. The Queen today will see a typical summer's Saturday here — a race meeting at Randwick and a surf carnival at Bondi Beach.

Three races will be run in honour of her visit and they have attracted some of Australia's best horses.

In the mile and a half, Queen Elizabeth's Stakes, the country's best known stayers Carica and Hydrogen are considered likely to fight out finish with Carica a hot favourite for the event.

The Sydney jockey, Billy Cook, who has won the Royal colours in England, rides Carica. Cook rode one of King George VI's horses in England in 1949.

He met the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, when she paid a surprise visit to Epsom Downs one morning. She discussed Australian racing with him.

Carica will carry appropriate colours today—red, white and blue.

Sporting interest in the running of the Queen Elizabeth's Stakes is expected to be so high that broadcasting stations plan to seal to the public 12-inch records of the description of the race by their commentators. The records are being offered at 12/6d as souvenirs.

The Queen will present the £500 trophy which has been added to the £10,000 stake money.

Yesterday Reuter reported. Police patrolled crush barriers today and mounted police were ready for any surge forward of a crowd of about 150,000 who jammed themselves in the streets near Sydney's Town Hall to see the Queen arrive for the Lord Mayor's Ball.

2,000 COLLAPSED
More than 2,000 people collapsed in the dense crowds outside the Town Hall while waiting for the Royal car to arrive. At one stage, treatment was being given to hundreds in the Town Hall basement.

Casualties rose alarmingly when the crowd broke through barriers and police cordons.

Ambulance men gave first aid to 3,000 people today — hottest day of the Australian tour so far. As people collapsed in the humid heat, they were passed over the heads of other spectators to the first aid stations.

This brought the total number treated to 8,000 since the Royal couple came ashore on Wednesday morning—Reuter & China Mail Special.

It's Amazing What You Can Cash
Chicago, Feb. 5. The U.S. Secret Service cautioned the public today about carelessness in cashing cheques.

As an example the Service cited the case of a woman whose husband was in the Air Force.

One day she received a notice from the Government that her allotment was being discontinued. It was printed on a form similar to the allotment cheque.

Without reading it, the woman endorsed the form and took it to a neighborhood saloon where the bartender cashed it—United Press.

Squash Finalists
London, Feb. 5. Roshan Khan, a brilliant 24-year-old newcomer to squash in England and Mahmoud Karim of Egypt, 41-year-old veteran of the Championship, reached the final of the Dunlop Open Professional Squash Racquets Championship at the Lansdowne Club here tonight.

They will meet in the final on Monday.

Roshan Khan won a tremendous 67-minute semi-final match against his older cousin, Asim Khan, 2-4, 10-8, 9-9, 10-8. The play was marvellous, at a tremendous pace and the many long rallies were full of dazzling strokes.

Mahmoud Karim beat Abdul Bari, the Pakistani professional attached to the Junior Carlton Club, in the other semi-final. The score was 6-0, 4-0, 9-2, 9-3, 10-8—United Press.

Sharp Fall In American Employment

Washington, Feb. 5. The Labour Department disclosed today that 300,000 factory workers were laid off between the middle of December and the middle of January, the sharpest American seasonal employment decline in five years.

This reduced manufacturing employment to 18,000,000, or 771,000 below January, 1953. Nevertheless, except for a year ago, it still was the biggest level for January in the entire post-war period.

Mr. Ewan Clague, Commissioner of Labour Statistics, made the disclosure to the Senate House Committee which is exploring economic prospects. The Census Bureau last week reported January unemployment as 2,350,000. However, Mr. Clague's report was the first statistical breakdown of manufacturing employment.

Mr. Clague and officials of two other agencies were called to explain their methods of computing labour statistics.

Three Committee Democrats challenged the Administration's latest unemployment figures in advance of the hearing, hinting that they think the total may be too low.

Mr. Ross Ecker, Deputy Director of the Census Bureau, testified there are 300,000 to 500,000 persons difficult to class as either employed or unemployed. He said a great number of those in this group are teenagers and women who "move into and out of the labour force with great frequency."

"It is difficult, if not impossible," he said, "to distinguish between those who may be looking for jobs and those who are actually seeking employment."—United Press.

BOYS AND GIRLS PAGE SOLUTIONS
FOODS: 1-PEAS, 2-BEANS, 3-BEEF, 4-SALAD, 5-EGGS, 6-GRAPES, 7-CHICKEN, 8-PRUNES, 9-PEACH, 10-BREAD, 11-ONION, 12-CREAM, 13-CORNER, 14-APPLE, 15-OLIVES, 16-TUNA, 17-OYSTERS, 18-ORANGE, 19-SOUP, 20-TRUFFLE, 21-WORK, 22-STEAK, 23-TOMATO.

HORSE SENSE: 1—"Don't look a gift horse in the mouth. That is, when a present is made, don't think too much about its value. 2-Tacking (tack meaning a corner piece of which nothing is known except by insiders. Used also in politics, a "rough" deal, a "kind of nut" and the tree on which it grows. Once used as food for horses. Described in the Book of Revelations. They typify the evils of war. 3-When we say, "That's a horse of another colour," we mean that what has just been said or done changes our minds. 4-Sailor's term for a section of the Atlantic Ocean where calm and light winds are common. More important in the time of sailing vessels than now. 5-Three wooden horses filled with soldiers by means of which Troy was captured by the Greeks. 6-Nickname given to Gen. Henry Lee. 7-Refer to the quick movements of his cavalry during the American Revolutionary War. 8-Horse hero of an English story. 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